### Tunis starts trial of fundamentalists

TUNIS (R) — Ninety Tunisian Islamic activists on trial for subversion and other crimes were accused on Tuesday of plotting to overthrow the government in collusion with Iran. The 50 accused in court and 40 others being tried in their absence risk the death penalty for threatening state security, the indictment said, adding that they colluded with Iran. It said there were a "series of clues indicated," and relations existed between Iran and the Islamic Tendency Movement," the fundamentalist opposition group whose leader Rached Ghannouchi is the main accused in court. Tunis severed relations with Tebran last March, accusing Iran of trying to foment subversion in Tunisia. The movement has denied any links with Iran. The indictment said events leading to the trial began on April 23, when the movement staged street protests which went on for four months. It said that during this period the accused staged armed robbenies, set cars on fire, damaged private homes, distributed anti-government tracts and planted four bombs in popular botels which injured 12 British and Italian toutists and a Tunisian.



### Howe, Jordanian envoy hold talks

AMMAN (J.T.) — British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe held talks on Tuesday with Jordan's Ambassador to Britain Albert Butros. The Jordan News Agency, Petra, said Mr. Howe and Dr. Butros reviewed relations between Jordan and Britain as well as the latest developments in the Middle East and the Gulf region. Petra said they also discussed the stands of the two countries vis-a-vis these developments. It did not give further details. The British minister's meeting with Dr. Butros was his first diplomatic activity since be resumed work following a summer vacation. Petra added. It said Mr. Howe also received the Soviet ambassador. London for talks which focused on the latest developments in the Gulf and the stand of the five permanent member states of the U.N. Security Council on the need to implement Resolution 598 which calls for an immediate halt to the seven-year-old Gulf war. Dr. Butros, who was recently appointed Jordan's ambassador to Britain, is scheduled to present his credentials to Queen Elizabeth within the next few days.

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A radio monitor said he picked

up a mayday signal about 6:30 p.m. (1530 GMT). He identified

the ship as the 300,078-tonne

Later reports said at least two

shoulder-fired rockets hit the ship

hut caused no casualties among

its 37 crew members. An engine

room fire was extinguished and

the loaded tanker continued

south toward the Strait of Hor-

The Munguia, owned hy Naviera Vizcaina S.A., of Bilboa, Spain, had left Saudi Arahia's

Ras Tanurah terminal shortly be-

fore the attack, bound for In-

donesia with 300,000 tonnes of

crude, according to a statement

by Spain's Foreign Ministry in Madrid. A Spanish maritime radio

said two speedboats took part in the raid.

It was the second time in two

days that speedboat-borne Ira-

tanker Munguia.

muz, they said.

Price: Jordan 100 fils; Syria 1 pound; Lebanon 1 pound; Saudi Arabia 1.50 riyals; UAE 1.50 dirhams; Great Britain 25 pence

### Panel named to organise housing day

AMMAN (Petra) — Prime Minister Zaid Rifai on Tuesday announced the formation of a national committee to take charge of celebrations of the Arab Housing Day and the Inter-national Year of Shelter for the Homeless. The announcement said that the committee would be headed by Housing Corporation Director Shafiq Zawaideb and would group representatives of the Urban Development Department, the Armed Forces housing division, the Jordan Valley Authority, the Housing Bank and the Jordanian Engineers Association. The U.N. General Assembly had announced that Oct. I could be observed worldwide as a World Day for Shelter in accordance with proposals made to the U.N. Centre for Population Activities by the Jordanian government

### Israeli soldier wounded in blast

during a 1985 meeting.

TEL AVIV (AP) — A roadside blast wounded an Israeli soldier as he patrolled in South Lebanon Tuesday, the military command said. The command announcement said the bombing occurred as the motorised patrol passed the village of Bent Ibail, six kilometres north of Israel's border. No further details of the incident were provided. Tuesday's incident brought to seven the number of Israeli troops wounded in Lehanon since last week. Six soldiers were wounded when they stepped on a minefield in South Lehanon on Aug. 25.

#### Arab students boycott schools

TEL AVIV (R) — More than 200,000 Arab children boycotted the first day of the new Israeli schoolyear on Tuesday in a strike meant to pressure the government to huild new classrooms in Arab towns, Israel Radio said. It said schools remained closed in 47 Arab towns and villages in

### Shamir sees Saudi role in peace talks

TEL AVIV (R) — Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said on Tuesday that Saudi Arabia could take part in a regional Middle East peace parley be has proposed. His aide said Mr. Shamir told visiting U.S. Democratic Senator Alhert Gore: "I agree to an additional country taking part in a regional conference in addition to Egypt, Jordan, the United States and Israel — and that is Saudi Arabia." It was the first time Mr. Shamir openly mentioned a Saudi role in peace talks.

### **U.N.** denies Perez de Cuellar to quit

UNITED NATIONS (R) — A U.N. spokesman has denied what he called "ludicrous rumours" that Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar plans to resign at the end of the year, four years before completing his term of office. "The secretary general is in excellent bealth, be is doing his joh and has no intention of giving it up," Francois Giuliani told reporters. "There bave been some indicrous rumours to the effect that the secretary general is planning to resign after the General Assembly, and unfortu-nately some totally irresponsible stories based on these ludicrous rumours.'

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# Iraqis pound Iranian shipping; gunboats

raid Spanish tanker **BAHRAIN** (Agencies) — Iraqi warplanes pounded Iranian tankers in the northern Gulf on Tuesday — their fourth successive day of anti-shipping attacks — and Iranian gunboats raided a Spanish supertanker.

Baghdad military communiques said Iraqi warplanes hit three ships and regional shipping sources confirmed two of the strikes. They said two tankers were ablaze, one off the Iranian port city of Busbehr in the northern Gulf and the other nearby at

Kharg Island, Iran's main oil ter-The Iranians run a shuttle service from Kharg, taking oil down the coast to safer terminals in the south for transferring to other tankers which take it aboard. The shuttle tankers are a main target in Iraq's efforts to cripple

Tehran's war-fighting ability by burting its economy. Iran claimed its fighters shot down two Iraqi jets over the Gulf and destroyed another with antiaircraft fire on Tuesday, as Baghdad pressed its renewed air offensive against Iranian ships and industrial targets deep inside the

A Spanish supertanker reportedly was attacked by speedboat-borne Iranian commandoes. in the mid-Gulf, the second such retaliatory raid in two days.

Tanker

convoy

reaches

WASHINGTON (Agencies) -

U.S. warships on Tuesday safely

completed escorting a convoy of

two Kuwaiti tankers through the Gulf to Kuwait, the Pentagon

The sixth such U.S-escorted

convoy of Kuwaiti tankers flying American flags ended at 9:45 a.m. EDT (1345 GMT) when the

80,000-tonne product carriers Chesapeake City and Surf City

were turned over to Kuwait by

the navy cruiser Reeves and the

frigate Hawes, the Pentagon said.

Tanker Company, owners of the vessels, confirmed in Kuwait that

the convoy completed the 880-

kilometre journey with no inci-

It was the fourth northbound

convoy and the sixth overall since

July 21. The American warships were

expected to start south almost

immediately with three other

Kuwaiti tankers that have been

loaded and waiting for several

At the same time, the Pentagon reported on Thesday that the U.S. battleship Missouri and a

group of five escort ships had arrived in the northern Arabian

Defence officials said when the

Missouri left California last

month that it was unlikely to

The officials said the refur-

bished World War II Behemoth

would be stationed in the Ara-

bian Sea to threaten retaliation

against Iran w.th cruise missiles

and 16-inch guns if Iran attacked

The Pentagon said the transit

of the reflagged tankers Che-

sapeake City and Surf City was

uneventful and that U.S. navy

minesweeping helicopters from the helicopter ship Guadalcanal

conducted mine search opera-

tions for the convoy during the passage, which began on

U.S. jets from the aircraft car-

rier Ranger provided airborne

detection, command and control

and fighter cover for the convov

when it passed through the Strait

of Hormuz at the entrance to the

Gulf over the weekend, the Pen-

Saturday.

American forces in the area.

Sea outside the Gulf.

enter the Gulf itself.

dents reported.

Sources close to the Kuwait Oil

Kuwait

#### Monday afternoon and that Iraq nians, believed to be Revolution-'made a request for humanitaary Guards, attacked a ship in rian assistance in the rescue of the apparent retaliation for Iraq's repilot..." newed offensive. A Kuwaiti con-tainer ship was raked by gunfire early Monday off the coast of the (Continued on page 4)

JEDDAH (Agencies) — A highranking Iraqi delegation arrived unexpectedly on Tuesday, and diplomatic sources said the team was expected to outline to Saudi leaders Iraq's renewed air campaign against Iranian oil and industrial installations.

The delegation is led by the deputy chairman of Iraq's ruling Revolutionary Command Council (RCC), Ezzat Ibrahim. It ineludes RCC member Saadom Shaker, Interior Minister Samir Abdul Wabab and Foreign Ministry Under-secretary Nouri Ismail. Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah

greeted the group at the airport. Diplomatie sources, requesting anonymity, told AP that the Iragis were to outline to the Saudi leadership the military offensive they unleashed as of the weekend against Iranian vital industrial and oil facilities. Iraq said the air raids were to pressure the Tehran government into accepting a July 20 ceasefire order by the U.N.

Security Council. The Iraqi raids have shattered a 45-day Inll in the so-called Iran-Iraq "tanker war." Iranian leaders have threatened that a resumption of the tanker war would precipitate severe Iranian

High-ranking Iraqi team to brief Saudi leaders The foreign ministers of Iraq

and Saudi Arabia are part of the Arab League's seven-member ministerial team which will be heading to capitals of the Security Council member states for consultations on fresh measures to hring about an end to the seven-

United Arah Emirates. No

In Washington, the Pentagon said an Iraqi pilot was rescued Monday by the U.S. assault car-

nier Guadalcanal off Iranian-held

Farsi Island in the northern Gulf.

The statement quoted him as

saying he believed he had been

shot down by an Iranian missile.

mine-bunting belicopters ahead of a convoy of U.S.-escorted

Kuwaiti tankers. The Pentagon

said the pilot had drifted for two

days in a raft after ditching in his

jet fighter Saturday afternoon.

Iraq has said that all of its aircraft returned safely from the

We are not sure how he was

downed, but we didn't shoot him

down," a Pentagon official, who

asked not to be identified, told

Tehran Radio said earlier that

Iranian warplanes had fought Ira-

qi warplanes over the Gulf,

shooting down one and damaging

another. Iraq said there was no

doglight and denied losing any of

But the Pentagon said on Tues-day the pilot believed he was shot

down by an Iranian missile on

The carrier was operating

casualties were reported.

year-old Iran-Iraq war. Arab foreign ministers who met in Tunis late August to review developments of the situation in the Gulf region are scheduled to resume sessions Sept. 20 to discuss a unified position on Iran in light of its response to the

U.N. ceasefire call. The ministers gave Iran until Sept. 20 to respond favourably to the U.N. resolution or risk a break in diplomatic relations with Arab countries.

Foreign ministers of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), which groups six Arab Gulf states, have been called to a meeting in Jeddah on Sept. 12 to discuss the new flareup in the Gulf tanker

The Saudi Press Agency (SPA) on Tuesday quoted the GCC secretary-general, Abdullah Bishara, as saying the meeting bad been called to "evaluate the situation in the region in light of recent developments.

# King returns after talks with Assad DAMASCUS (Agencies) — His Majesty King Hussein and Syrian President Hafez Al Assad beld

three hours of talks behind closed doors here Tuesday soon after the King's arrival in Damascus on

an unexpected visit.

A report by the Jordan News Agency. Petra, said the two leaders met again Tuesday evening after they bad had a working lunch bosted by President Assad.

A Syrian presidential spokes-man said talks between the two leaders dealt with "cooperation between Syria and Jordan, current developments in the Middle East and the situation in the Arab arena, including inter-Arah rela-

The two leaders were joined for part of the meeting by the Jordanian delegation accompanying the King to Damascus. The delegation includes Prime Minister Zaid Rifai, Chief of the Royal Court Marwan Al Qasem, and



His Majesty King Hussein and Syrian President Hafez Al Assad hold talks during a short visit the

The meeting was also attended by Syrian Vice-President Abdul Halim Khaddam, Prime Minister

Abdul Raouf Al Kasm and Fore-

King paid to Damascus on Tuesday (Petra photo) Upon his departure for Damas-cus the King was seen off by His Shaker, Cabinet members and Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, Chief Chamherlain Prince Ra'd Ibn Zaid, Armed

senior officials. The King and the delegation aecompanying him returned

### ign Minister Farouk Al Sbaraa. Forces Commander-in-Chief home late Tuesday. lurphy says Washington is seeking international arms embargo in Gulf

By Lamis K, Andoni Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — A senior American official on Tnesday urged Iran to accept an Immediate ceasefire in the Gulf war and said the U.S. was pushing for an international arms embargo on the party which refuses to abide with the July 20 United Nations Security Council resolution calling for a peaceful settlement of the seven-year old Iran-Iraq conflict.

U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Near and Middle Eastern Affairs Richard Murphy said that in the light of the latest flare-up between Iran and Iraq. the U.S. was working jointly with the other four permanent mem-bers of the U.N. Security Council on drafting a second resolution to impose mandatory sanctions on the country that does not accept an immediate ceasefire.

Mr. Murphy made the statement during a press conference through a video satellite link-up with Arab journalists and experts from Jordan, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, Morocco and Algeria. The press conference was organised bythe U.S. Information Agency's television network (Worldnet).

Mr. Murphy was replying to a question put to him hy Worldnet anchorman Paul Duke over the American reaction to last week's resumption of Iraqi air raids against Iranian oil installations and off-shore oil routes. The question and answer came at the beginning of the press conference and gave the impression that Mr. Murphy had aimed at stating and clarifying the U.S. position be-fore start replying to journal-ists' questions.

"This new cycle of violence (in the Gulf) warrants a second (Security Council) resolution to impose mandatory sanctions on the party which does not accept the implementation of Resolution 598," Mr. Murphy said. Resolution 598 called for an

Baghdad has said it was willing to ahide by it provided Tehran also did likewise. Iran has not given an official reply yet and has continued its land attacks against Iragi territories.

On Saturday, Iraq ended an informal 45-day truce hy renewing air raids against major Iranian oil terminals and justified the attacks saying that Baghdad's acceptance of the U.N. resolution was contingent on a similar Ira-

The Iraqi position has provoked American criticism and a the Arah Gulf governments. series of official U.S. statements this week implied that Washington feared that the new development would further stiffen the Iranian position.

The resumption of the Iraci raids, the apparent Iranian "indif-ference" to the U.N. resolution, the increased military presence of the superpowers, particularly of the U.S. navy in the Gulf, have raised serious questions in the Arab press and even by Arab officials over American intentions and the possibility that this build-up could lead to a superpower polarisation and confrontation in the region.

Some of these concerns were again expressed by Arah journalists and experts participating in Mr. Murphy's press conference on Tuesday.

Throughout the press conference, Mr. Murphy clearly sought to reiterate what appeared to be five major elements which shape the U.S. position in the Gulf: - The U.S. recognises Soviet interests in the Gulf but considers the area of more vital interest to the W:st. Therefore the U.S. will not ' cept an equal role or influence for Moscow in the Gulf. - The U.S. believes that the Iran-Iraq war remains the root cause of the Gulf crisis and realises that continued freedom of navigation and flow of oil could be best secured and guaranteed by an immediate cessation of the immediate halt to the Gulf war. Iran-Iraq war.

- Even though the U.S. does not equate the Iranian and Iraqi stands on international peace efforts and appreciates Iraq's immediate and positive response to the Security Council decision, Washington believes that any kind of escalation will be damaging to endeavours to bring about a peaceful settlement in the Gulf. - The U.S. is taking into consideration the interests of its friends in the area and recognises that an

end to the war would keep away the threats which the war poses to — The U.S. is seriously seeking an active Iranian participation and does not ignore Tehran's strategie position, hut Washington will seek an arms emhargo on

Tehran through a United Nations

resolution if the need arises. Arah fears that the superpowers, particularly the U.S. which maintains a stronger military presence in the Gulf, are dealing with the Gulf crisis strictly, or first and foremost, within thecontext of the East-West conflict were emphasised by journalists from Jordan and Kuwait.

Questions were raised on whether there were contradietions between the American strategic interest in keeping the Soviets away from the area and the declared U.S. objective of seeking a comprehensive settlement to the Iran-Iraq war.

Fears were also voiced that the U.S. strategic interest of "containing" the Soviets could dominate and characterise American policy in the Gulf at the expense of efforts to find lasting solutions to the problems in the region.

The journalists implied that securing the flow of oil through the Gulf, if given priority by the West, could threaten to expand the conflict, especially that both Iran and Iraq are trying to extend oil pipeline to the Red Sea and

the Indian Ocean. The same question also applied to the U.S. attitude on the Israeli-

disagreed with the argument that there were any discrepancies between "our objective for peace and attitude towards the

"We want peace in the Gulf," he said. Peace in the region, he argued, will secure of the "free world." These interests include trade in the region and the free flow of oil to the West, he said. Peace would also mean the elimination of the threats which the war poses for "our friends" in the region," Mr. Murphy said.

He said the U.S. was not opposed to "diplomatic work with the Soviet Union in efforts to end the war. He recalled that both superpowers had actively participated in drafting Resolution 598 of July 20.

But the American official was firm that the U.S. would sternly reject a bigger role for the Soviets in the Gulf.

Mr. Murphy sought to sub-stantiate the American stand saying that there were major differences and contrasts between the interests of "the free world" and the socialist camp in that the West depends heavily on the flow of oil from the Gulf. "(The Gulf) constitutes a vital

life line for the free world, while it is not a vital life line for the Soviet Union and its allies," he argued. Consequently, "we do not see that the Soviets have the same role (in the Gulf as the U.S.) for they do not have the same interests.

Arab journalists posed questions to Mr. Murphy over the almost negative U.S. reaction to the resumption of Iraq's air raids against Iranian targets in contrast with Washington's passive. Or even silent, stand over Iran's failure to respond to Resolution

Mr. Murphy replied that the U.S. was in no way seeing the Iranian and Iraqi positions on the same level. While Iraq was (Continued on page 4)

### progress in Geneva despite Kohl's offer Moscow: No

MOSCOW (R) — A Soviet official said on Tuesday there bad been no progress at the U.S.-Soviet arms control talks in Geneva despite a West German offer to scrap 72 Pershing-1A missiles equipped with U.S. nuc-lear warheads.

"The West German statement contains a number of positive elements but unfortunately it has not moved the talks forward in Geneva," Deputy Foreign Minister Alexander Bessmertnykh told a news conference.

Chancellor Helmut Khol's offer last week to scrap the missiles followed Soviet statements that a U.S.-Soviet accord on banning intermediate-range missiles (INF) was being blocked by a U.S. refusal to include the warheads in a treaty.

Mr. Bessmertnykh said Dr. Kohl's offer contained amhiguities and the United States had failed to make clear whether it would sign a treaty banning all INF medium-range and shorterrange weapons including the Pershing-IA warheads.

"Bonn and Washington ought to provide a clear-cut answer as

to wbether they really want an agreement," Mr. Bessmertnykh

If they do, West Germany should put its position straight now. And the United States should remove the main obstacle to an agreement and go along with the full double-zero option (on banning medium-range and shorter-range missiles)."

Mr. Bessmertnykh said Moscow ruled ont the possibility of a summit between U.S. President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev unless the two leaders were to sign an arms control accord.

"As to whether a summit could be possible without an agreement, I can say that this is not possible," he said. He said it would be necessary

to study the results of talks between Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze and U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz this month in order to see whether a third Reagan-Gorbachev summit was

"At present, questions of a date for a summit meeting are not being discussed in contacts between Moscow and Washington. That would be premature," Mr. Bessmertnykh said.

Mr. Shultz and Mr. Shevardnadze, who are to open talks on Sept. 15, will focus on arms control and security issues, he said. They will take the lion's share of the negotiations because the development of Soviet-American relations depends on them."

But he said the two ministers would also discuss regional problems, bilateral relations and hu-

Mr. Bessmertnykh said the issue of the 72 U.S. warheads on the Pershing-IA missiles was the overriding obstacle to an INF accord, but the United States had created other difficulties.

He cited verification, saying the United States demanded sweeping on-site inspection rights for itself but wanted to limit Soviet inspectors to certain facilities instead of the whole area of possible missile deployment.

U.S. negotiators also wanted the Soviet Union to make unilateral first cuts in INF-class missiles instead of a balanced, stage-by-stage reduction by both sides,

Mr. Bessmertnykh said Moscow had offered a compromise on this issue. "Within one year, both sides could take out of operation all medium-range missiles. How? By unlocking all warheads from the missiles. Neither side would have comhat-ready missiles."

He said there were problems over technical language in the INF treaty under discussion, but these could be overcome given willingness by both countries. "The Americans are taking

steps, but only on marginal issues," he said, reaffirming that the 72 Pershing-1A warheads must be included in an INF treaty.

AP adds from Washington: A top Soviet arms control official Monday offered for the first time to accept a U.S. proposal for monitoring nuclear tests, and even offered to let the United States explode its own bomh in the Soviet Union to calibrate moni-

toring equipment.

The chief U.S. negotiator to arms control talks in Geneva, Max Kampelman, immediately said the offer was worth pursuing.

Colonel-General Nikolai Chervov, of the Soviet defence ministry, said through an interpreter in a luneheon speech that "the Soviet Union is prepared to accept any type of verification" on a test-ban agreement.

"There is no problem on verification," Gen. Chervov said at a luncheon for visiting member of the Soviet delegation to last week's conference on U.S.-Soviet relations at Chautauqua, New

Gen. Chervov said his statement could include adoption of the Cortex test monitoring system which earlier had been proposed by the U.S. side. The system involves placing a detection de-vice in a hole bored near the site of an atomic explosion.

"If you want to deploy the Cortex system, we would he pre-pared to consider that proposal on a mutually acceptable basis,

"If you want to calibrate the instruments, feel free to come to our test ranges with a nuclear device of your own, and explode it there to make sure that every-thing is all right," he added.

50 dead or presumed dead in S. African mine blast

WELKOM, South Africa (Agencies) — A mining company said Tuesday that 50 miners were dead or presumed dead and five were rescued after an underground explosion that sent tonnes of rubble and an elevator full of men plunging down a gold mine

Gary Maude, manager of the St. Helena Mine 220 kilometres southwest of Johannesburg, said "most if not all" of 40 missing miners were believed trapped in the elevator

He said the metal cage had probably fallen to the bottom of the 1.370-metre shaft, heneath 40 metres of debris.

"I can't imagine anybody sur-viving that type of fall." Maude

# Iran expected to wage war at sea after Iraqi air raids

BAHRAIN — Iran, confronted with concerted Iraqi attacks to stem oil exports, is likely to step up hit-and-run raids on Gulf shipping but carefully avoid U.S. warships, military sources in the region

Iran's Revolutionary Guards set the pattern on Monday hitting a Kuwaiti vessel in retaliation for Bughdad resuming strikes against Tehran's oil installations and

The Iranians zeroed out a ship that was not protected by a flect of some 40 American warships sent to the Gulf region to guard Kuwaii's oil tankers.

Iran would be foolish to attack any U.S. convoy in the Gulf," said one Gulf-based military source.

The Iranians can still select enough soft targets and single out Kuwani shipping. As the tanker war flared again

after a six-week full, the heavy concentration of some 60 Western warships now in the Gulf has limited Iran's scope for attacks on merchant shipping.

Iran's flotilla of high-speed motor launches, difficult to spot on radat screens, was the ideal weapon for swift retaliation.

They said mines may be a less effective factic sloce the U.S. task force drafted in minehunting helicopters after the reflagged Kuwaiti supertanker Bridgeton

was holed on the first escort run. Since Saturday, Iraqi jets have struck at key Iranian oil installa-tions — Kharg Island terminal, Sirri Island terminal, and Lavan Island storage facilities — and reported attacking eight of Iran's fleet of oil tankers.

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Five hits have been independently confirmed, including two set ablaze by Iraqi jets on

Military sources said Iran apparently hided its time until a convoy of six U.S. warships and two Kuwaiti tankers moved further north in the Gulf before mounting its raid on the 20,526ton Kuwaiti container vessel

hit-and-run style of earlier strikes by Revolutionary Guards before a de facto six-week ceasefire took hold in July as the United Nations pushed through a ceasefire re-

High-speed Iranian motor launches are believed to have tacraked the Jebel Ali for more than a day, following it through the Strait of Hormuz on Sunday and attacking when the crew was asleep and off guard. With limited and - you could

say crude — resources, Iran can create havoc in Gulf shipping lanes through an erratic and unpredictable pattern of attack, another military source said.

Fears of an Iranian clash with the fleet of U.S. warships have driven world oil prices higher. But despite Iran's propaganda war against Washington, the raid

on the Jebel Ali appeared to support the theory that Tehran would target Gulf shipping that is not protected by Western naval

Kuwaiti shipping has been sing-led our for attack because of the Arah emirate's support for Baghdad in the Gulf war, sooo to eoter its eighth year. Military sources said a new

spate of hit-and-run raids could be directed indiscrimioately at international shipping.

### Walsh 'may interview' Reagan again

WASHINGTON (Agencies) -Independent prosecutor Lawrence E. Walsh is expected to request an interview with Presideni Ronald Reagan before obtaining criminal indictments in the Iran-contra affair, a published report said Tuesday.

The court-appointed prosecutor is likely to seek an interview with the president this fall, the Washington Post reported, citing informed sources.

The newspaper did not say Walsh would subpoen the presideat. A subpoena is a legal order directing a person to appear at a hearing to give testimony. Mr. Reagan was not asked to

appear before congressional commiltees investigating the secret sale of arms to Iran and diversion of funds to Nicaraguan rebels, but he was interviewed by a special commission he appointed to study the affair.

The White House has said it

TEL AVIV (R) — An Israeli

court on Tuesday imposed a news

blackout on the trial of accused

nuclear spy Mordechai Vanunu

after his testimony was postponed

to give more time to prosecution

testify to the three-judge district

court on how he was spirited back

in Israel after telling a British

newspaper his country had secret-

ly become an atomic power.

Today's session was declared

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lawver Arigdor Feldman said.

Vanunu, 33, had been due to

witnesses, his lawyer said.

sought to cooperate with the various Iran-contra investigations to the greatest extent possible, including turning over more than 250,000 pages of documents to congressional investigators, Efforts to confirm the Post

report were not successful, James Wieghart, a spokesman for Mr. Walsh, was out of town and not

Presidential spokesman Marlin Fitzwater, in California with the vacationing president, said he had not heard of the report and did not expect to comment until

The Post quoted its sources as saying it was virtually obligatory for Mr. Walsh to try to question the president about what he knew of alleged misdeeds in the affair.

Mr. Walsh has declined to discuss the progress of his investigation, but when asked last December whether he would seek to

anything," Feldman told repor-

Tomorrow the prosecution

Asked whether Vanunu would

Feldman said he was banned

testify on Wednesday, he

from telling reporters the identity

of witnesses or even the number

Strict security measures have surrounded the trial to prevent

Vanunu, 33, from making public

details of how he was brought

ters after the hearing.

answered: "It is likely."

who testified on Tuesday.

will end," he said.

question the president, he said he would "talk to anyone necessary to secure the information he

Mr. Reagan, in an Aug. 12 speech, accepted full responsibility for "the Iran-contra mess." saying he had been "stubborn in pursuit of a policy that went

Three previous presidents have respsonded formally to questions about controversies during their administrations.

President Gerald Ford testified before the House Judiciary Com-mittee in October 1974, defending his pardon of former President Richard Nixon in the Watergate scandal. In 1976, after he left office, Mr.

Nixon submitted sworn answers to questions by the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence in its probe of CIA and FBI opera-

secretly made 200 atomic bombs.

Until Tuesday, lawyers were allowed to disclose a few very

limited details about the proceed-

Vanna, a former technician at

Israel's top-secret Dimona nuc-

lear plant, says the court has no

power to try him because he was

and forced to make a confession

which he has since retracted.
Tuesday's session is part of a

brought back to Israel illegally

Court imposes news blackout on Vanunu trial They also used haggage carts to Sunday Times that Israel had

> on. I had to walk for at least two kilometres with my four little children," complained a Dutch

The workers eventually reached the tarmac and airport officials said the protest disrupted at least three flights. Police used water cannon to disperse the protesters at the runway.



### Lavi protesters storm Tel Aviv airport

TEL AVIV (Agencies) - Hun- the workers blocked the main dreds of aircraft industry workers runway. They also blocked roads flights to protest against Israel's decision to halt production of the of Israel's airports authority. American-financed Lavi fighter. said. At least one protester was in-

jured and a dozen others arrested in a second straight day of demonstrations staged at the air-port, the U.S. emhassy, the De-fence Ministry and other loca-

In Tel Aviv, groups of workers blocked roads, staged a protest at the U.S. emhassy and carried a two-metre model of the Lavi from the Histradrut Trade Union huilding to the Defence Ministry.

Israel Army Radio said the protesters, carrying a hlue-andwhite Israeli flag covered with black ribbons, forced in the gate arrested. and hriefly occupied the ministry's first floor.

Israel Radio said eight were arrested. Io Arab Jerusalem's Old City, some 200 workers gathered at the Western Wall. Israel Radio said

they sang Israel's national nthem. zhak Rabin said Monday night it At Ben Gurion Airport, work- was unlikely there could be a anthem.

lounge.
Inside the terminal, the workers chaoted slogans against craft Industries (IAI) told state cabinet ministers who voted to radio: "We received a message kill the Lavi project and dis-

rupted check-ins.
We all want to go to America to work," chanted the workers, thousands of whom may be laid off because the Lavi project was

and passengers had to clamber over them to get the planes. This is ridiculous, it can't go

to be identified.

three-day "trial-within a trial" to decide the legality of the hearing. I landings and departures because

stormed the runways of Tel Aviv leading to the airport and preairport Tuesday, disrupting vented passengers from reaching the terminal," Tzvi Govrin, head

> Dozens of police in riot gear, complete with tear gas cannisters, grenade launchers, assault rifles and riot sticks, were called into quell the demonstrations at the airport. Three protesters were arrested in a clash near the terminal entrance.

One protester was injured in the head in a clash with police at a roadblock the workers set on the Tel Aviv-Haifa Highway, said Dan Michaeli of Tel Aviv's Ichilov Hospital. He said the worker was in good condition. Israel Radio said four others were

Meaowhile members of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's Likud Bloc have called for a oew cahinet vote on the Lavi war-

But the ruling coalition's Labour Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Defence Minister Yiters blocked one entrance with re-vote on the prestige project, hurning tyres and forced some grounded by a vote of 12-11 passengers to carry their luggage under pressure from Washington for a kilometre to the departure and Israel's own military leaders.

Nissim Cohen, chairman of the Workers' Council at Israel Airthat because of our actions there will apparently be a revision and there is a chance.

Likud Mioister-Without-Portfolio Moshe Arens, who said he would resign in protest at Sunday's decision, told Shamir that. he would remain in the governblock the way to boarding gates ment until it was clear if cahinet ministers would recast their "Representatives of the air-

craft industries are trying to bring about a revision. As long as there is a chance I will not take the step woman passenger who asked not of giving my letter of resignation to the prime minister," Arens told army radio. Asked if he advised Shamir to

call for a re-vote, Arens, a former defence minister involved in developing the supersonic fighter-bomber, told reporters: "In my opinion. we still have to make of other possible projects to reevery possible effort to reverse place the Lavi.

State television said Shamir would only call for a new vote if he was sure of a majority. Sources close to Shamir told Reuters they saw no prospects for a change in the political line-up unless the IAI protests prompted

Labour ministers to reconsider

their position.

Likud Trade Minister Ariel Sharon said he would demand the cabinet re-examine its vote because of the harm to state-run IAI, which was expected sooo to sack some 2,500 employees.

But asked about prospects for a reversal of the cabinet decision, Peres told army radio: "I am sorry this is creating false hopes. It has no precedent in the work of

the government."
Rabin echoed his statements in an appeal oo state television, saying: "I am sorry that the subject was raised because it pours oil on the fire. The government decided, though with a small majority, and we are obligated now to carry out the decision." In Washingtoo, the United

States said Monday it had promised Israel help in minimising the economic effects of scrapping the Lavi warplane. State Department spokesman Phyllis Oakley said the promise

was made to Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin when he visited Washington in July as U.S. pressure increased for an end to the expensive project.
She said Washingtoo promised We woold work closely with

Israeli officials in a oumber of areas to maximise the benefit of every U.S. security assistance dollar and help ideonfy ways to ameliorate the dislocations caused by the decision to terminate the Lavi. She said U.S. and Israeli officials would hold a series of meetings to discuss various possibili-

ties whose object would be to "assure the maintenance of Israeli's qualitative edge over its potential adversaries. One of the possibilities would

be co-production of a versioo of the American F-16 fighter, which U.S. officials say Washington favours.

Oakley declined to give details

# Iraq rejects U.S. plea to halt attacks on Iran

WASHINGTON (R) - Iraq rewhat Baghdad said was Iran's refusal to accept a proposed U.N. ceasefire, the Washington Post reported on Tuesday.

The formal rejection was made on Sunday in Baghdad to U.S. Amhassador DAvid Newtoo, the Post said, quoting diplomatic It said Iraq turned down the

U.S. request on the grounds of what it called authorities statements by Iran that it would reject the U.N. Security Council's July 20 resolution for an end to its seven-year war with Iraq.

The State Department had no immediate comment on the re-

Iraq told the United States it had waited 45 days before resuming its attacks before deciding Iran had no intention of accepting

the ceasefire despite the lack of jected a U.S. plea to end attacks on Iran's oil facilities because of It said Iraq felt that widening the conflict to again include tankers and oil installations might be

the best way to increase pressure on Iran to end the war. The Post said Iraq's intent to resume attacks on Iranian oil facilities was also made known in

a letter to U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar. Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariqi Aziz said in the letter that "any calls for a halt to attacks on those (Iranian) interests translate, in practical terms, into service of the thick

war effort of Iranian aggression against Iraq and the countries of the region," the Post reported.

The State Department earlier criticised Iraq's decision to resume the attacks but said it understood its frustratioo at lran's failure to abide hy the U.N. ceasefire call.

# Pentagon accepts 'Arabian Gulf'

WASHINGTON (R) — The U.S. Defence Department, io a usage switch, has begun referring to the historic Gulf as the Arabian Gulf in a nod to Arah states.

The change took effect last week when the Pentagon, citing what it called the threat of terrorist actions, said 10,000 U.S. military personnel in the area would begin receiving special danger

Maj. David Super, a Pentagon spokesman, said in reply to a question Monday, the geographic designations were synonymous.
But he said Marine General
George Crist, whose Floridabased Central Command includes

the Gulf, had used the new name out of sensitivity to a number of countries in that region who prefer the term 'Arabian Gulf' to the used term 'Persian Gulf."
In a memo to the military

services distributed last Tuesday Pentagon Manpower Chief David Armour appeared to formalise the switch. He referred to the Arahian Gulf throughout, enclosing 'Persian Gulf' in parentheses after a third reference.

But the switch has been spotty, with some Peotagon statements continuing to refer to the 'Persian Gulf.' The United States is officially neutral in the almost seveoyear-old war between Iran and Names.

Maj. Super said he was not immediately sure whether the was meant to be adopted with the switch was meant to be adopted with t throughout the Defence Depart the link

Iraq's ambassador to the Uo and and ited States, Nizar Hamdoon, told and request to the United and ited specific request to the United and ited and States to change its usage, despite what he called a pan-Arah come sensus on the matter sensus on the matter.

But he praised the move at the But Li

Pentagon as a "positive development" tending to show the Araba kullh preference: had been accepted. sh and Iran was-loog known in the roll Pil West as Persia, a variant of which man all it continues to prefer for the in action waterway. A State Department spokes-unhalted man, Ken Durken, said no deci-mot(and

sion had been handed down, butindividual desk officers some times referred to the Arahian Oll Gulf to protect Arab "sensitivities.

At other times, the State De RACI partment referred simply to the "Gulf" to avoid the issue, he MAN II've said The State Department's Office instruction

of the Geographer said the offi- and pu cial U.S. usage remained Persian arbitrary Gulf, in accordance with the mis ope U.S. Board on Geographic stip

### DFLP welcomes Berri offer

BEIRUT (AP) - A Palestinian Arafat's Palestine Liberation [13] commando group on Tuesday welcomed an offer by Lebanese Shi'ite Muslim militia chieftain Nabih Berri to end 28 months of intermittent warfare for control of refugee camps in Beirut and South Lebanon.

nian differences in Lebanon, said a statement distributed in Beirut by the Democratic Front for the

Liberation of Palestine (DFLP).

Mr. Berri on Sunday proposed been killed and 3,600 wounded in intermittent PLO-Amal fighting (abine since June 1985 when Amal been since June 1985 when A

Organisation in Beirut and South a trends Lebanon.

The plan proposed on Nov. 1 and and as a date for beginning recoo the clare struction work at Palestinian refugee camps and their covirons. war and

South Lebanon's port city of \_\_\_ Sidon during a major confronta-

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### TODAY'S EVENTS

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**CULTURAL CENTRES** 

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man Opening hours: 9,00 a.m. 5 p.m. Year-round, Tel. 651760 Year-round. Tel. 6517611 Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an excellent collection of the anniquines of Jordan. Jabul Al Qafa (Citadel Hill). Opening hours: 9.01 a m. 5.01 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.). Closed Tuesdays. Jordan National Gallery: Contains a collection of paintings, ceramics, and excellents by contemporary blamic artists from most of the Muslim countries and a collection of paintings by 19th Century orientalist artists. Munta-

# WHAT'S GOING ON zah, Jabal Luwendeh, Opening hourst 10.00 a.m. - 1.30 p.m. and 3.00 p.m.-6.00 p.m. Closed Tuesdays. Tel. 630128.

**EXHIBITION** 

\* An exhibition of plastic an by Michammad Al Keswani at the Hous-ing Bank Gallery (until Sept. 15).

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### **MUSEUMS**

# 630128. Martyrs' Memorial IMBitary Massaud: Collection of military mamorabiles dating from the Arab Result of 1916. Sports City. Amman. Opening bours VIII a.m.-4.01 p.m. Closed Saunlays. Tel 664240.

SERVICE CLUBS

The Amman Lions Club. Meetings every first and thurd Weetnesday at the Regency Palace Hotel, 7:30 p.m. Lions Philadelphia Club. Meetings every second and fourth Wednesday at the Ammon Hotel, 7:30 p.m. Philadelphia Rotary Club. Meetings every Wednesday at the Holiday Inn. 1:30 p.m. 1:30 p.m Rotary Clab. Meetings every Tuesday at the Intercontinental Hotel, 2.1x) p.m. Reyal Automobile Clab. Juhal Amman. Eighth Circle. Tel. 816534.

# **CHURCHES**

St. Joseph Church (Roman Catholic) Jabal Amman, Tel. 623590. Church of the Amustriation (Roman Catholic) Jabal Luweibdeh, Tel. De la Salle Church [Roman Catholic] Jahal Hussein, Tel. 161757. Terrasanta Church (Roman Catholic). Jahat Luwendeh, mass in Italian lan-guage, meet every Saturday at 5(4) p.m. Tel: 622366 p.m. Tel: 62206 Church of the Annusciation (Greek Orthodox) Abdali, Tel. 62351; Anglican Church (Church of the Re-deemer! Jatul Amman, Tel. 625383; Armenian Catholic Church Ashrafich, Tel. 77131; Armenian Orthodox Church Ashra-fich, Tel. 775261. St. Ephraim Church (Syrian Onho-dox) Ashrafich, Tel 771751, Amenan International Church (Inter-denominational): meets at Southern Baptist School in Shmeisani, Tel. 677534.

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PRAYER TIMES

16:10 . Asr WEATHER

Bulletin supplied by the Department of Meteorology. It will be normal summery, with northwesterly moderate winds. In Aqaba, winds will be northerly moder-ate and calm sea.

Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 33. Aqaba 38. Humidity readings: Amman 19 per cent. Aqaba 23 per

"We welcome Berri's offer which is a positive step toward a

It also called for the withdrawal of Palestinian commandos from positions they occupied east of an of tion with Amai last year.

mainstream Shi'ite Amal militia sieged Palestinian refugee camps 1/1/4/ and commandos of Mr. Yasser in Beirut and South Lehanon.

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Her Majesty Queen Noor on Tuesday inaugurates a new general clinic at Baqaa camp (Petra photo)

# Queen opens Baqaa Camp general clinic

AMMAN (J.T.) — Her Majesty Queen Noor Tuesday morning inaugurated a new general clinic in the health centre of Baqaa Camp, the largest refugee camp in Jordan operated by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA).

The clinic, which is built on 800 square metres, consists of fifteen major rooms, a dispensary, laboratory, and vaccination, dental, and ophthalmic clinics.

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UNRWA's medical director spoke about the basic and primary health care services provided at Bagaa Camp Health Centre, including nutrition, rehabilitation, bealth education, school bealth, and an active community nursing programme aimed at planning appropriate community

health measures. The clinic was built with a contribution from the govern-ment of Canada to UNRWA, and representatives.

four specialist clinics bave been funded by the Near East Council of Churches.

Eight-hundred patients daily visit the clinic, which is run by a team of five doctors, one dentist and 15 nurses.

The clinic's inauguration will result in increased and improved services based on an integrated and comprehensive health programme designed to maintain and promote the positive bealth of Baqaa's 70,000 refugees.

The opening ceremony was attended by: Mr. Micbael Chesson, charge d'affaires at the embassy of Canada in Amman, Mr. Marwan Dudin, minister of occupied territories affairs, Mr. E.J. Saaf, director of UNRWA affairs in Jordan, senior govern-ment and UNRWA officials, and a crowd of guests and refugee

# **Courses for special** teacher training begin

AMMAN (Petra) - Two train- (GUVS) ing courses for female teachers and instructresses working at private and public centres for the rehabilitation of handicapped students opened in Amman

The 80 participants will hear lectures and do practical work, as well. They will also discuss - Ministry of Labour and Social working papers related to special Development in issuing a guide-education for the handicapped, book on dealing with people with education for the handicapped, aew trends in dealing with the hearing and mentally bandicapped, and plans for developing training and education curricula for the retarded, according to a spokesman from the Ministry of Labour and Social Development. which is organising the courses in cooperation with the General Union of Voluntary Societies

Cabinet appoints officials

Health minister opens centres

GUVS President Abdullah Al Khatib addressed the opening session of both courses and outlined the union's endeavours to promote the work of charitable and voluntary societies. He said that GUVS will cooperate with the University of Jordan and the various bandicaps...

GUVS is making plans for establishing a computerised centre with facilities to bandle all forms of handicaps, Dr. Khatih

Officials from the Ministry of Labour and Social Development and GUVS were present at the opening session.

### Muasher continues Tunis talks

TUNIS (J.T.) - Minister of Industry and Trade Rajai Muasher, who is on an official visit to Tunis, has bad more talks with Tunisian government officials on means of boosting Jordanian-Tunisian trade and economic cooperation.

Dr. Muasber first met with Mr. Ismail Khalil. Tunisian minister of planning and finance, to dis-cuss economic issues of concern to the two countries. The Jordan News Agency, Petra, said they discussed means for stimulating trade exchange and planning joint economic ventures.

Later, Dr. Muasher met with Mr. Mohammad Al Sakhiri, governor of the Central Bank of Tunis, to discuss financial coop-

Mr. Lewis Reade, director of USAID in Jordan, signed on be-

half of the U.S. government, while Mr. William Jolitz, country director of IESC, accepted the grants on behalf of IESC. Also attending the ceremony were members of IESC's local

Crown Prince urges cooperation

session of a televised seminar

held under the patronage of His

Royal Highness Crown Prince

Hassan to reassess the education

system in Jordan discussed a re-

port on science and technology

Dr. Rashad Al Natour from

the University of Jordan pre-sented an outline of the educa-

tional team's work on science,

which called for, among other

things, linking science and tech-

nology with local social needs.

The report also called for resear-

ching modern developments in

scientific fields and underlined

the need for offering teachers

sufficient incentives and impro-

Dr. Farid Abu Zaineh pre-

sented the team's report on the

mathematics curricula, which cal-

led for working out a compreben-

AMMAN (J.T.) — The United

States Agency for International

Development (USAID) on Tues-

day signed grant agreements tot-alling U.S. \$350,000 to help sup-

port the operations in Jordan of

the International Executive Ser-

vice Corps (IESC).
This funding will assist IESC in

continuing to expand their prog-

ramme of providing expert busi-

ness advice to the Jordanian pri-

vate sector, and to public sector

entities that have a direct impact

on the private sector. It is antici-.

pated that such advice will help to

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sive plan for teaching mathema-tics at schools and for beloing

teachers to acquire sufficient

Dr. Munther Salah from the Royal Scientific Society (RSS)

outlined a report by a team

addressing the subject of compu-

ters in education. He said that computers should be utilised to

promote the educational system

in the Kingdom, and called for

the recruitment of sufficient num-

bers of well-trained teachers in

computer science. The report-also called for the availability of a

sufficient number of computers,

and for further cooperation be-

tween universities and scientific

institutions to arrive at a unified

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The new grant agreements bring the total of USAID funding

for IESC in Jordan to over

qualifications for this role.

Management, and Mr. Najib Qubain, chairman and general manager of the Jordan Wood Industries Company. The advisory council provides IESC with direct access to the knowledge and judgment of Jordan's business leaders, and helps to assure that IESC is kept aware of the needs of local businessmen.

supporting basic sciences.

The Crown Prince said that

industry in the coming stage in

Jordan is linked with developing

software rather than hardware,

updating the work of administra-

tion and management, and fusing

in the minds of the young the power of creativity. "This also

requires from us to take measures

to help the youth to move from

their academic institutions to ap-

plied engineering fields, and also

improving human resources and

the work force in quantity and

quality," Prince Hassan said. He added that science and

technology curricula is not an

academic task, but, rather, it is

connected with strengthening

basic sciences and hacking the

Since the start of operations in Jordan in 1983, IESC bas provided assistance and guidance for over 30 Jordanian enterprises. In addition, it is currently in the

process of recruiting volunteer advisory council: Council Chairexecutives for over 20 new assignman Dr. Mohammad Malallah. ments for local companies in director of the Jordan Institute of

# Ministry urges control over foreign workers

Prince Hassan took part in the basis of science and technology

discussion, stressing that the re-examination of science and tech-

IRBID (Petra) - Minister of Labour and Social Development Khaled Haj Hassan Tuesday urged inspection teams from the Irbid employment offices to intensify their control over the activities of foreign workers in Irbid Governorate, and to take drastic measures against violators of the abour law.

The minister, who was speaking at a meeting attended by heads and employees of labour and employment offices in the governorate, said measures should be taken to prevent non-Jordanian workers from taking jobs illegally and without permits, and from filling vacancies that could be taken by Jordanians.

He said teams from employment offices should embark on intensive search campaigns in cooperation with the police to expose those non-Jordanians working without permits in the country, and to refer violators to

Employers found violating the law will be fined a minimum of JD 75 for every month of employment of a foreign worker without proper work permit, and the workers found without permits will be ordered to leave the country, the minister said. Later, Mr. Haj Hassan visited

ment and the new headquarters of the union of workers employed in transport and mechanical

During his stay in Irbid Tuesday, the minister attended a ceremony for the graduation of 338 apprentices from Hakama Vocational Training Centre.

# Royal Scientific Society to assist development, research in N. Yemen

By 1978 there was clear evi-

dence that Jordan was deeply

interested in scientific develop-

ment. In that year, a conference

on science and technology was

organised under the patronage of

His Royal Highness Crown

Prince Hassan, and its finding were sent to a conference on

Technology and Science for Developing Countries (TSDC) held in Vienna, Dr. Anani noted. The

TSDC consequently chose Jordan as one of the few developing

countries striving to develop

through the utilisation of modern

had called on Third World na-

tions to allocate a minimum of

one per cent of their respective

gross national products (GNP)

for science and technology, hut

unfortunately Jordan has made allocations for this field amount-

ing to only 0.19 per cent of its GNP.

He then emphasised the im-

portance of science and technolo-

gy for Jordan, and said that they

are particularly necessary, and in

Dr. Anani said that conference

science and technology.

in the Kingdom.

By Elia Nasrallah A Jordan Times Staff Writer.

AMMAN — The Royal Scientific Society (RSS) is in the process of launching a joint venture in North Yemen with the Jordanian private sector to help in the scientific development of that country, RSS President Jawad Al Anani announced here Tuesday.

He told the Jordan Times that the venture, which has Jordanian government approval, is designed to help North Yemen conduct scientific research and carry out a transfer of technology along RSS

Dr. Anani said he bas just returned from North Yemen where he discussed the subject with North Yemeni officials.

Also on Tuesday, Dr. Anani addressed a Rotary Club meeting at the Jordan Intercontinental Hotel outlining the role of the RSS in Jordan in the transfer of modern technology and in providing services to the public.

The RSS was established in 1970, signalling the beginning of scientific and technological work view of the meagre resources in

the country, for the sake of protecting the environment and increasing productivity.

According to Dr. Anani, the transfer of technology can be done in nine different ways as proposed in a report by the United Nations Centre for Transnational Cooperation. These are: direct foreign investments, joint ventures, licensing, franchising, management contracts, marketing contracts, technical services contracts, turn-key projects, and

international sub contracting.

Referring again to the RSS's role, he said that it strives to achieve a transfer of appropriate modern technology, maintain high-level control and testing. protect the environment, support down-stream industries, help the country's endeavours to maintain national specifications and measurements, and serve as a last resort in matters connected with science and technology.

# W. German minister announces DM 1m pledge to UNRWA

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — West Germany on Tuesday pledged a special contribution of one million deutsche marks to be spent by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) on educational and health services for the inhabitants of Jordan's 10 Palestinian refugee camps.

visiting West German Minister for Economic Cooperation Hans Klein at the end of his tour of the Hittin (Schneller) refugee camp near Amman. The \$500,000 pledge comes in addition to an extra \$4.993 million contribution made by the Federal Republic of Germany to UNRWA for 1987.

According to UNRWA officials in Amman, a total of 845,000 Palestinians are henefitting from the agencies relief, health, and educational services. Twenty five per cent of UN-RWA's total beneficiaries here live in these to refugee camps.

Mr. Klein's visit to the Hittin refugee camp, where almost 26,000 Palestinians live, took nim to a number of the agency's installations, including the camp's health centre, the government's sewerage project, and some re-fugee shelters. The camp's 3.2shelters were constructed following UNRWA's receipt of some special funds from West Germany and other foreign and local

Mr. Klein arrived here Sunday. on a three-day official mission which aims at getting first-hand information on Jordan's socioeconomic development and on the progress of numerous joint Jordanian-West German pro-

On Monday, Mr. Klein was received by His Majesty King Hussein, His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, Prime Minister Zaid Rifai, and Planning Minister Taher Kanaan. His talks with the Jordanian leaders focused on bilateral trade and eco-

The special donation, totalling nomic ties, and means of further almost \$500,000, was made by bolstering them, as well as the latest developments in the Middle

> Earlier on Tuesday, Mr. Klein, with a senior West German delegation accompanying him. visited the Aqaba Regional Authority (ARA) and were shown its various projects by the authority's president. Basam Qaqish.

> Mr. Qaqish discussed with his guests the ARA's present and future development schemes, and reviewed the importance of Aqaba, in general, and its touristic, industrial, and agricultural

aspects, in particular.

He said the government was giving the region due attention and, therefore, plans have already started to set up a number of projects, such as the Royal Yachting Club, the Arab Palm Wood, the Royal Scuha Diving Club. and a labour housing

Mit. Qaqish also praised the support given by the West German government for a number of national projects in Aqaba, Jordan's only port city on the Red

The West German minister; accompanied by Dr. Kanaan, later toured the Aqaba Thermal Power Station, part of which was built from special contributions made by the West German Development and Construction Bank. The visiting delegation also visited the Agaha Marine Station.

Later in the evening, West German Ambassador to Jordan Herwig Bartels hosted a reception to honour Mr. Klein, who worked as press attache in his coun-

Hans Klein

try's embassy in Jordan in tr early 1960s. Senior Jordania officials, media representatives, and a large number of Mr. Klein's friends, whom he met while working in Jordan, were present

during the reception. On Wednesday, Mr. Kicin scheduled to tour the Jordan V ley, and to visit the historical se of Umm Qais in north Jordan a: the Greco-Roman city of Jers After his tour, Mr. Klein pected to wind up the result his official visit to Jordan : press conference later in evening.

Mr. Klein signed on Mon an agreement under which Germany will provide a 17 lion deutsche mark loan to i. Jordan finance development g jects carried out by local munic al and village councils.

The loan, considered part of Jordanian West German econmic and financial cooperation programme for 1987 and 1988, will be supplied to the local councils through the Cities and Villages Development Bank, The accord was signed on behalf of Jordan by Dr. Kanaan.

Under the two-year econocooperation programme. W. Germany has pledged to provi-Jordan a total of 70 miles deutsche mark in soft loans to the implementation of development projects in the Kingdom

# ICCO group visits Amman

municipality AMMAN (Petra) - Delegates

who attended the 10th board meeting of the Islamic Cities and Capitals Organisation (ICCC, on man Municipality and met with Mayor Abdul Ra'ouf Al Rawabdeb.

Mr. Rawabdeb briefed the visitors on the development of Amman and the nature of services for its residents. He also spoke about the powers invested in the municipality under law and the work of the municipal council.

The municipality has worked out a development plan for the Greater Amman area, which consists of 520 square kilometres, designed to modernise services and to control building operations in the capital, Mr. Rawabdeh noted.

### Group leaves for Rabat

AMMAN (Petra) - A five-member Jordanian delegation left for Rabat Tuesday to take part in the fifth meeting of the heads of Arab chambers of industry, trade, and agriculture due to open today. The three-day meeting will dis-

cuss means for increasing the level of cooperation among these chambers. The Jordanian delegation

which is led by Amin Al Husseini. secretary-general of the Federanon of Jordan Chambers of Commerce, will submit a working paper dealing with the role which chambers of industry and trade can play in vocational training. and the prospect of expanding this role.

# IDB loan to Jordan

other Third World nations will receive, together, a total of \$119.4 million in loans from the Islamic Development Bank (IDB), according to a decision made by the IDB in Jeddah.

addition to Jordan, Libya, Morocco and \$2.5 million

JEDDAH (R) - Jordan and five South Yemen will benefit fr the loans. These loans will nance trade and developm: projects in the recipient cou-

The statement also said ID had approved a \$15 million los. An IDB statement said that in for the Aoulouz Dam project

### Dr. Philip S. Khoury Appointed Dean of M.I.T.

Suhail Mousa Khoury and brothers extend their heartiest congr. tulations to their cousin, Dr. Philip Khoury for his appointment the post of Dean of M.I.T. in Massachusetts. Wishing him success and hoping that his achievements will continue to benefic the Arah community in the United States.

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### to Qweireh where he announced that the health clinic there will be enlarged and transformed into an integrated bealth centre. providing various services. The minister also visited the existing clinics at Tweiseh, Manishir, Al Ghal, and Rum in the southern Badia region and inspected their services.

**NEWS IN BRIEF** 

AMMAN (Petra) - The Cahinet, met Sunday, under the

chairmanship of Deputy Prime Minister Ahdul Wahnab Al Majali bad appointed Mr. Mohammad Ghanem Al Saoudi as mayor of

Gharandal in Tafileh governorate. The Cabinet also appointed

Maher Shukri, Shawkat Khasawneh and Abdullah Al Oran as

memhers of the board of directors of the Agrichtural Credit

AOABA (Petra) - Health Minister Zaid Hamzeb opened a

health centre recently for the Disi region in the Aqaba district to offer medical services for nearly 7,000 inhabitants in southern

Jordan. Dr. Hamzeb also made an inspection tour that took him

Jordanian official meets Turkish envoy AMMAN (Petra) — Foreign Ministry Secretary General Nabih Al Nimir recently discussed with Turkish Ambassador in Amman Samih Balan bilateral relations and the current situation in the Gulf region. During the meeting, views were also exchanged on the latest Arah and international developments following decisions taken by Arab foreign ministers in Tunis last week in the

wake of recent Iranian threats on the Gulf states and its

challenges of a U.N. resolution calling for an end to the Iran-Iraq

### RSS to link with information banks

AMMAN (Petra) - Director of the Computer Department at the Royal Scientific Society Yousef Nusseir announced that the department has started to provide direct contact services with the international information banks. In an interview with Petra, Dr. Nusseir said the department bas concluded an agreement with the International Dialogue System, which provides contacts with more than 200 data bases throughout the world. These bases contain information which is of great help to researchers and decision makers, be said. Dr. Nusseir added that the society intends to set up direct contacts with other information networks throughout the world, in an effort to obtain the information Jordan requires in scientific, economic, medical, engineering, social, and agricultural fields.

### Construction of safety, health centre begins

AMMAN (Petra) - The Ministry of Labour and Social Development has started construction work on the permanent site of the Occupational Safety and Health Institute which will cost JD 339,000. The building, which is being constructed on a 34-dunum plot of land, will be co-financed by the government and the World Bank. The new centre will consist of buildings for administration, laboratories, training balls, lecture halls, a cafeteria, courts, playing fields, and parking lots.

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### No ambiguity over next step

IT WAS somewhat refreshing to hear U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy express his government's firm determination to push for the implementation of sanctions against Iran at the U.N. Security Cnuncil should Tehran reject the council's Resolutinn 598 nf July 20. In a satellite interview with Arab jnurnalists in six countries in the regim yesterday, Mr. Murphy said the U.S. would go ahead with plans to enforce a mandated arms embargo nn Iran should it not unequivocally accept the U.N. resolutinn.

This he did while also toning down earlier statements by American officials deploring Iraq's resumption of air attacks nn Iranian installations and tankers, saying he sympathised with the Iraqi positinn and did nnt equate it with that taken hy

lraq's recent hreak of the lull on the sea front is to be expected in view of Iran's engineered procrastination over its de jure positinn vis-a-vis Resolutinn 598. One can understand and sympathise with Iraq's grawing impatience with nearly a month and a half of waiting on Iran to announce unequivocally and clearly its stand and position on the one and only U.N. Security Council resolution which enjoyed the unanimous support of the council on the conflict in the Gulf. It is clear that Iraq is fearful, and rightly so, that Iran could be exploiting its pronnunced positinn nn the resolution to prepare for another offensive against Iraq on the eve of the forthcoming meeting of the U.N. General Assembly. There are persistent reports that Iran is arming to the teeth, once again, in preparation for some military action against Iraq. We are concerned that the Soviet-declared apposition to the application of sanctions, as yet, against Iran could be giving Iran the wrong signal and augmenting its resolve to continue its war of aggression against Iraq. We understand the Soviet position which says it is too early to apply additional pressures against Iran. But while Tehran ponders its possible acceptance of the July 20 resolution, we have the right to ask that no wrong signal be sent to Iran which could only prolong the agony and horrors in the Gulf.

It is in this context, in fact, that Iraq's resumption of attacks against Iranian economic targets is justified. The Iranians could not be left tn freely exercise their options in the Gulf between blackmailing this or the other superpower, whether hy trying to woo them to its side or by hreaking Security Council unanimity and weakening a possible arms embargo resolution by dividing its hackers.

Not much time is left before the rulers in Tehran will have to inform the rest of the world of their position on the council resolution. This is a matter of a few days, Mr. Murphy assured us yesterday. But should Iran's position he negative, which is more likely than not, there should be no doubt about the next step to be taken at the Security Council.

### ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

### Al Ra'i: Tanker war resumes

IRAQ has resumed its attacks on Iranian economic installations, oil terminals and tankers to force Tehran to accept a call of peace and end the seven-year-old war. No one would imagine that Iraq would allow Iranian oil to continue flowing so that the regime in Tehran can buy more weapons for more aggression. No one in his right mind would accept a situation like that existing in the Gulf where foreign warships stand by allowing Iranian tankers to transport crude oil and with the money buy more arms with which to perpetuate the Gulf conflict and to shell Iraqi cities. Iraq's decision to resume attacks and raids on Iranian installations came after a moratorium during which Baghdad had been following up events and developments and awaiting proper action on the part of the international community to help implement Security Council Resolution 598. But what happened was that the Security Council resolution was transformed into another document at the world organisation like many other documents with many resolutions that never saw the light. In view of this situation and as the world organisation failed to impose its will on the aggressors. Iraq decided to take action and to stop the Iranian aggression. Iraq also wants to stop attempts by Iran and other forces to transform the Gulf conflict into a tanker war which would damage the interests of the Arab Nation. If the superpowers are only interested in safeguarding their own interests no one has the right to blame Iraq for its resumption of air raids on Iran 10 protect its own

### Al Dustour: Masri stresses summit necessity

IN the Monday press circle held at the Jordan Intercontinental Hotel, Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri reaffirmed that an Arab summit meeting has become a necessity for the sake of arriving at a unified policy in the face of an aggravating situation in the region and for confronting challenges and threats. The loreign minister explained Jordan's position with regard to the Palestine question which he said remains firm despite the fact that this issue has been pushed down on the list of priorities in view of the dangerous war in the Gulf. For this reason, Mr. Masri said Jordan continues to pursue its drive to find a just settlement to the Palestine problem through an international conference. Mr. Masri denied that efforts to find a Middle East settlement through this proposed conference have reached a dead end. He said that on the contrary many more nations have been expressing support for the idea in the East and in the West, with the exception of the United States which continues to show hesitation. Jordan is therefore calling for an extraordinary summit meeting and issuing this call to all Arabs whose leaders should take unified action.

### Sawt Al Shaab: Hunger unifies Beirut

THE inhabitants of Beirut have been re-unified by the hunger which affected all their factions, and have been staging demonstrations and other forms of protests demanding food. Both sectors of the Lebanese capital have come to agreement on fighting hunger. bloodshed and more civil war, and also decided to deal with the underlying causes of these elements which altogether bring about a renewed tragedy for the embattled nation. The residents of Beirut have now risen together, united in adversity an in tragedy brought about by the warring factions and the greed of their leaders. The rising of the Lebanese people against injustice is a challenge to the tragedy and a show of cohesion among the people of Lebanoo. Perhaps this unity among the hungry and destitute can lead to a re-unification of the partitioned land of Lebanon and could indicate the end of the long dark tunnel through which the Lebanese people have been travelling for many years.

# Hanna Siniora has my vote

By Peter Baratta

AS a U.S. reporter spending the summer months as an intern for the Jordan Times, I came to this country not to learn about journalism so much as to broaden my limited scope of Middle Eastern affairs, particularly the Arab-

Israeli conflict. Like most stateside Americans, my fragile grasp of the situation prior to my stay in Amman did not extend far past that of a few simple axioms: All Arabs are oil sheikhs, except for the Palestinians who are all terrorists, and Israel, the U.S. government's most trusted ally in the region is always right.

Needless to say, my understanding of current events here has increased markedly since my June 2 departure from New York. My preconceptions faded quickly with the opportunity to experience the region and its poli-tical structure firsthand. But my prejudices were replaced with a kind of helpless realisation: There exists so many dimensions to the Arab-Israeli issue that it would take months for an outsider like me to even begin to understand the conflict's intricate complexities.

Fortunately, I had the chance to watch the groundwork being laid for one of the mure recent controversies in the ongoing situation — Hanna Siniora and his decision to run far the 1988 Jerusalem City Council. His announcement to run for office was one of the first topics I read about when I arrived here and it struck me as a unique approach

to the dilemma. "A Palestinian running for the all-Israeli council?" I thought, "sounds pretty interesting. I wonder how the Arah World is going to view

Well here it is three months later and it seems Arabs are still confused over how to approach the issue. Apparently they aren't sure whether to laugh at, spit 00 or cheer for Siniora and his quest to gain a seat on the council. But for me, an nutsider who has had the chance to view the issue in a somewhat detached manner, the chnice of whether to support or condemn the 48-year-old Palestinian newspaper editor and

his cause is clear. Hanna Sininra is not some kind of Judas selling out Palestinian claims of independence by ruo-ning for the all-Israeli council. Nor is he recognising, as his critics claim. Israel's hegemany over Jerusalem.

Rather, he is a practical man who sees the need for a new approach to the West Bank deadlnck. His effort is not gning in the face of the Palestinian resistance movement; in fact, in some ways, it is just another facel of it. He has found a different course of action to try and win political power - however small - fnr himself and his fellow Palesti-

"What triggered me to come up with my proposal," Siniora on the future of Jerusalem where told me immediately when I met him in Jerusalem a few weeks ago, "was my realisation that no bility of the resolution of the international peace conference conflict even at an international

would be taking place in the next three years." Unfortunately, he is correct. Despite King Hussein's and other leaders' individual efforts to muster support, no country seems willing to assist in

convening a conference. So Siniora decided to run for office in an effort to spotlight what he considers the focal issue of the dilemma — the future of Jerusalem.

"Jerusalem is the make-orbreak issue in trying to settle the Israeli-Palestinian conflict." he told me. "If the future of Jerusalem is not clarified and no understanding (concerning) the rights of hoth peoples (is reached), the conflict will continue and probably we will end up with more wars.

"I have said very clearly that I do not accept (the unilateral annexation of Jerusalem by Israel). I am calling for an open, undivided city but at the same time with dual sovereignty for the two peoples — Palestinian sovereignty in East Jerusalem and Israeli sovereignty in West Jerusalem." he said.

"I am fighting for equal rights," he continued. "I'm trying in call for full enfranchisement and political rights for both Palestinians and Israelis and open the way for a breakthrough in the conflict.

"If there is no accommodation the rights of hoth parties are recognised, theo there is no possi-

level," he said. No violent threats, no sympathetic pleas. Just a simple, straightforward approach to a complex problem which has eluded solution through mere

words or force. Detractors have criticised Siniora because his decision, they say, surrenders Palestinian claims to sovereignty in the Occupied Territories and recognises Israel's rule over Jerusalem.

Siniora counters this argument by saying that Palestinian sovereignty has been preserved by the strength of the Palestinians themselves - not by the words or deeds of the rest of the Arah World - who have resolutely remained in their homeland since the 1967 War. They are the ones who have kept the dream alive all these years and the time has come for a oew approach to gain them political power. The Goliaths of the Arab World have failed. Now it's David's turn to work for a

change. Siniora wants to give those who have suffered all this time a chance to affect their future. He is trying to break through the political stagnation that has enveloped West Bank Palestinians for the past twenty years. Critics must not equate his efforts to bring a small amount of political power to his people with the illogical belief that he is forsaking Palestinian sovereignty and accepting Israeli rule in the West

Despite his assertions that he rejects Israel's annexation of the

selling out the cause. So to make everything as legal and formal as possible, he has asked 11 international attorneys to study his platform and ideas. If a majority rules that his decision infringes upon Palestinian sovereignty, he

will retract his candidacy. "But if a majority gives me a green light, I will continue," he told me. "And I will try to use this legal opinion to convince the doubters that we have to use new tools to end the occupation."

During my stay in Jordan, I have had the chance to partake in many discussions about the Arab-Israeli issue. Most Arabs I've spoken with have been fairly realistic about the situation, but I have also been exposed to some pretty lopsided and absurd rantings calling for the total elimina-tion of the Jewish state. When I would hear someone talk like that, I would think: My God, hasn't twenty years of violence and hatred on both sides of the conflict nurtured some kind of practicality in this person? Is Siniora's idea to run for office so pragmatic that it would make no sense to them at all?

It makes perfect sense to me and I respect his efforts. Siniora rejects the idea of Israel's annexating of the Occupied Territories, but he is willing to step beyond the rhetoric which constantly clouds the issue and actually do something to change

city, people still believe Siniora is the status quo - without causing physical harm to anyone in the

> If a lasting accord is to be reached, it will come with the help of the constructive, peaceful. efforts of Hanna Siniora and those like him, not merely... through the actions of the Palestinian resistance movement and certainly not through the words of hypocrites — those who de-mand Palestinian rights and better treatment of Palestinians from the comfort of their homes far away from the turmoil of the West Bank. Siniora's critics should think again: If they personally aren't willing to do something to change the situation, they should at least support someone who is. -

The questions until 1988 will remain: Will Palestinians realise that what Siniora is trying to accomplish is for their benefit. not their harm? And will the Arab World be willing to view the

situation practically and give ...
Siniora the support he deserves? ...
My nationality and expected geographical location will prohibit me from participating in the 1988 Jerusalem City Council elec-tions, but I wish I could somehow... take part and drop a ballot. Because for me the choice is clear. Good luck Hanna. For what .. it's worth, you have my vote.

The writer is a 1987 journalism 🕹 graduate of the Pennsylvania : State University. He recently completed a three-month internship with the Jordan Times.

### Iragis pound Iranian shipping

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The pilot has been turned over to the International Red Crescent Society at Dhahran airport in Saudi Arabia, the Pentagon said.

Pentagon sources said the U.S. navy had been notified by the government of Iraq on Aug. 30 that it was making a request for humanitarian assistance and asking all navy ships to keep a lookout for a downed airman. Although the navy ships assigned to the U.S. Middle East

Guadaleanal spotted the man drifting in the high seas during the late afternoon Monday as he flashed a mirror at the ship, the sources said.

The officials said the pilot was not returned to Iraq because, under international law, the United States is a neutral party in the war betweeo Iran and Iraq and, under the Geneva Convention, cannot return downed airmen from either country to their home.

"We would have done exactly force did not mount a special search, crew members oo the Iranian pilot," said one official.

### Murphy: U.S. seeking embargo

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prompt in its positive response, Iran still maintained "a vague

statements describing the Iraqi actions as "regrettable... and deplorable" did not reflect a condemnation of Iraq or that Washington was viewing the Iraqi and Iranian stands on equal footing.

He explained that the U.S. found the Iraqi action regrettable for three reasons:

- Iraq's resumption of its raids came at a time when Iraq "was gaining ground" and international support as the party which was really seeking a peaceful settle-ment. (Mr. Murphy implied that there were concerns that Baghdad could loose some of the international support it had gained).

-The Iraqi action came at a time when international interest in eoding the war had reached a level it had never reached before. Consequently, in order to give these efforts a chance, "restraint was required from all parties at this

stage."

— The U.S. was expecting, or anticipating an Iranian reply to Resolution 598 just as Baghdad renewed its attacks.

Mr. Murphy urged Tehran to accept the resolution. "Now it is the time for Iran to say to the world explicitly where it stands on the resolution," he said. "The-time has passed for equivocation... the time has come for action... and this action is for Iran

to accept Resolution 598." Mr. Murphy warned that the U.S. was ready to push for an international arms embargo on Iran if Tehran continued in its refusal to take a stand on the resolution. However, be said, the U.S. hopes that the situation would not reach that stage.

lo a reply of a question on the possibility of "reducing" U.S. oil imports from Iran as an effective means of weakening Tehran's ability to continue the war, Mr. Murphy said that such sanctions were "difficult to impose."

"A unilateral cessation oil purchases from Iran" will not he effective in achieving its purpose, he argued. He said it was almost impossible to prevent Iran from selling its oil and even to control the flow of Iranian oil to the U.S. even if Washington wanted to.

"It is extremely difficult to control the oil market and direc-tion," he said. "Once Iranian oil gets into the international market (through spot markets and other channels) it can get to any country... because it is almost impossihle to trace the origin of the oil."

Mr. Murphy argued that the did not refer to the Palestine

impose an arms embargo which the U.S.; will be committed to. A university professor from Kuwait asked if there were cootradictions between the Amer-He also said that the U.S.' ican and Israeli positions on the understood Baghdad's position Gulf, especially that Tel Aviv had been selling spare parts and arms to Tehran. Mr. Murphy said: "Israel was no exception."

He disclosed that Tel Aviv had promised Washington that not more arms would be sold to Iran "through the Israeli govern-ment." However, he said, that the Israeli government has in-formed Washiogton that it could not "guarantee that Israeli cilizens living io third countries from participating in or facilitating arms sales to Iran."

In reply to questions over the ongoing internal Israeli debate over the principle of convening an international peace conference on the Middle East, Mr. Murphy reiterated U.S. reservations over the cooference idea.

"We still believe that direct negotiations constitute the best means for reaching about a peaceful settlement," he said. The U.S. will accept the principle of an international peace conference if it leads to direct negoriations and if outside forces will not be given the authority "to dic-tate" the final settlement to the

parties involved, he said. He said the American stand stemmed from Washington's belief that only the parties involved were capable of settling their differences and of deciding the format of negotiations.

"We understand (His Majesty) King Hussein's arguments for an international peace conference, he said. The final format or formula for peace negotiations "should reconcile Jordan's needs and those of other concerned parties."

He did not define the "other concerned parties" or specify their needs but at one point he stressed that the U.S. recognised the "regional role" played by Syria.

In a reply to a question on American-Syrian relations, Mr. Murphy said Washington was keen on further improving its relations with Damascus. He said that the U.S. dialogue with Syria "shall take a fresh start... when the American ambassador returns to Damascus."

The Syrian-American dialogue, according to Mr. Murphy, will cover "terrorism," bilateral relations and the problems in the

"We have never undervalued Syria's regional role." he said. In his comments on the proposal for an international conference, Mr. Murphy did not mention the word "Palestinian" and most effective means would be to Liberation Osganisation (PLO).



# Kach youth camps: A symbol of hatred

By Nicholas B. Tatro The Associated Press

OCCUPIED WEST BANK - A dozen teenage Israeli girls wearing yellow T-shirts gathered around a bonfire and sang: 'Arabs out. Go to America. Go to Africa, even go to Disoeyland but get out of our country."

That chilling refrain sung with full-throated abandon by girls 14 to 16 was a sample of the sword and Bible fanancism of a youth movement sponsored by the anti-Arab Rabbi Meir Kahane, an immigrant from New York City and a member of Israel's parlia-

meot. Kahane's Kach Party, headquartered in a ruodown oeighbourhood near Jerusalem's open-air marketplace, has played on the frustration and anger resulting from a 40-year stalemate in the search for a solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Kach, which means "Thus" in

slogan "rak kach" (Only Thus), a reference to a party symbol showing the occupied territories as part of Israel.

The party has had a core of American immigrants as its power base but recently launched a recruiting drive in nrban slums and depressed farm areas that has focused on disaffected Sephardic Jews whose families originated in North African and Mideast couo-

As part of this effort, it has set up indoctrination camps for teenage boys and girls and given weapons training to boys, 14 to 18. Since the yooth movement was launched 18 months ago, organisers estimate about 500 of the 1,100 members of the Kach youth movement in Israel had been to one of a dozen camps.

Kahane's Kach movement is dwarfed by youth movements tied to mainstream parties and which have tens of thousands of

Hatzair movement of the socialist Mapam Party, which has 30,000 members, and the Orthodox religious movement Bnei Akiva, which also has 30,000 followers. The right-wing Beitar movement of the Likud bloc has about 5,000 members and boy and girl scouts oumber 45,000.

But Kahane's Kach Party has been receiving increased support in recent public opinion polls, which predict he could win as many as five parliament seats in the next elections, up from the current one.

This support has grown despite condemnation by Israel's mainstream politicians led by Presi-

deot Chaim Herzog.

Reporters were taken to the girls camp set mp on the edge of Kiryat Arba, one of the most militant Jewish settlements in the West Bank. Lights of Palestinian houses in the neighbouring city of

Hehrew, evolved from the party members. These include Shower Hebron dotted the hillside around the settlement. The girls, guarded by a young

bearded man with an Uzi submachine gun, said that during their four-day camp they were trained in Karate-like "self-defence" but did not study weapons because it was against Jewish law for women to take up arms.

Kahane gave them a pep talk. The girls, whose T-shirts bore the party's clenched fist symbol inside a Star of David, also heard lectures from a member of the pre-state underground and got an account of "anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union" from a recent immigrant.

Kahane, 56, said weapons were an essential part of the training, Several of his followers have been arrested for attacks on Arabs, including a 1983 shooting attack on a hus carrying Palestinian workers, six of whom were

### Strike setback for miners seen as loss for black workers

By Arik Bachar

JOHANNESBURG — Like David fighting Goliath, South Africa's hlack underdogs took on the power of white-run business with a massive strike. David crumbled onder severe

management pressure and lost. Analysts say the outcome could have a profound effect on lahour relations in the republic. It could spur employers to resist future demands for more pay from blacks trying to close a gap between themselves and whites in the same industries.

The National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) held out for three weeks on strike at gold and coal mines, South Africa's economic arteries. Until a few years ago it would have been an unbelievable challenge in a country dominated by whites.

But the employers triumphed, showing that despite their overwhelming majority in the popula- on Sunday, tion, South African blacks still lack political and economic muscle.

ning any concessions from the announced:

mineowners on the core issue of wages and without a guarantee that strikers sacked during the walkout would get their jobs

"The way the dispute was settled will have a very negative effect on future industrial relations in this country," said Duncan Innes, an industrial sociology lecturer at Johanneshurg's Witwatersrand University.

"It will lead to some workers questioning the wisdom of peaceful protest and may lead them to think that violence is a better route," he said.

At times during the campaign hy a quarter of a million men the biggest wage strike in South African history — it seemed that mineworkers, for generations deprived of union organisation, had the owners on the run.

Only last Wednesday they showed their defiance hy voting against a package of improved fringe benefits which was almost identical to the one they accepted

Bobby Godsell, chief industrial relations consultant at the world's higgest mining conglomerate. The miners agreed on Sunday Anglo American Corporation, to go back to work without win-said after the settlement was

"I doo't think we were under any illusions about the power and effectiveness of the NUM. I think to take very large numbers of people out on strike and keep them on strike for three weeks is

a real achievement of a kind." After nine people were killed in strike-related violence, 300 injured, and about one-sixth of the strikers dismissed, the NUM agreed to accept improved benefits but failed to extract wage increases above the maximum 23.4 per cent implemented by the

industry in July. The union rallying cry for the strike was 30 per cent across-theboard rise, later scaled down to 27 per cent.

Innes said the NUM foundered on two obstacles: The heavilyarmed private police in the vast mining industry and mass dismissals of workers.

"The strongarm tactics of mine security forces and the dismissals just wore the union down," he told Reuters.

At least 40,000 men were dismissed for ignoring return-towork ultimatums from the wealthy mining conglomerates. Innes said many union activists were among them, eroding the NUM's said.

links with its grassroots. The miners' strike was legal, having gone through industrial disputes procedures laid down when Pretoria's white authorities

legalised hlack trade unions in

But legal strikes in South Africa still allow employers to fire the strikers.

Analysts say lost wages — the NUM has no strike fund proved the mineworkers' achilles' heel. Many began to feel the punch, trying to feed their families in rural areas and neighbouring

hlack-ruled states. The hlack work force in South Africa's gold and coal mines totals about 425,000. The union originally said that 340,000 had come out. Independent estimates of the number on strike slipped over the three-week dispute from more than 300,000 to about

Innes said the union's defeat, and the mine owners' victory, were further underlined by the

immensity of the strike. "What more could the union have done? It brought out large numbers of people and held on for three weeks but still lost," he

# Cat theft from U.S. lab stirs questions

By Nelson Graves

WASHINGTON - Jitender Dubey called it petty theft. Alex Pacheco called it a daring rescue.

Their opposing views reflect a struggle pitting researchers against animal rights advocates a conflict that flared up last weekend when 25 cats and seven pigs were removed from a federal aboratory in a Washington

The U.S. Agriculture Department (USDA) announced on Aug. 29 that raiders had cut through chain-link security fences protecting a government research centre in Beltsville, Maryland. smashed padlocks and stolen the cats and pigs, hred for experi-ments involving parasitic dis-

The "thieves," the government said, sprayed slogans — 'Stop the slaughter,' "Animals are not machines" - on walls and left vegetarian recipes and a poem by Henry David Thorean.

The unusual nature of the burglary and the involvement of a favourite pet aroused interest in the press and public. But surrounding the almost comic details are important questions:

How dangerous is toxoplasm gondii, the parasite carried by some of the cats? Is it worth studying the disease the parasite causes? Are government sciennists mistreating animals, and

The government issued a nationwide alert for recovery of the animals, warning that 11 of the cats had been infected with toxoplasmosis — a disease that can cause pregnant women to miscarry or give birth to deformed children.

Toxoplasmosis has been found to cause abortions in sheep, goats and pigs, and can be transmitted to pregnant women who come into contact with farm animals or cat faeces, or who eat improperly cooked meat from infected animak

An estimated 3,000 American children are born each year with toxoplasmosis, suffering deformities that include hydrocephaly, which enlarges and can destroy the hrain, and hlindness. Many of the infected children die before

But People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), a well-known animal rights group, said the "animal liberation raid" saved the cats from ahusive treat-

PETA said USDA scientist Jitender Dubey had been conducting "grotesque" experiments on cats for 15 years without discovering anything of clinical sig-

Dubey, according to PETA, has forced infected mice brains through stomach tubes into kit-

Experimenters simply record their dehydration, diarrhoea, high fever, weakness, inflammation of heart and liver and pneunonia before killing them," the group said.

USDA officials dispute that. "The cats never suffer. Very rarely does a cat get sick from (experiments)," Dubey said.

Dubey, who has worked on

toxoplasmosis since 1964, said experiments involving force-feed-ing of cats with infected mice brains were suspended in 1972, but had proved instrumental in discovering that toxoplasmosis can be transmitted in meat.

He also said he doesn't experiment on kittens anymore.

Michael Ruff, acting director of the Animal Parasitology Institute, said: "We're on the side of the animals." The department, he said, hopes to develop a vaccine that will prevent thousands of spontaneous ahortions in sheep flocks.

PETA Chairman Alex Pacheco told Reuters the cats had been treated with drugs and posed no threat to the public. Later, in an effort to show that cats are not dangerous, PETA called a pregnant woman and a cat before a news conference.

But Dubey said there is no cure for toxoplasmosis and that the tens and cats, which die within drugs administered by PETA Pacheco said.

should they be held more days after developing infections only slowed its spread. He also of the heart, lungs or liver. threat to AIDS patients.

Dennis Juranek, chief of epidemiology at the parasitic disease division of the Centres for Disease Control in Atlanta, told Reuters the cats stolen from the lah could be considered more dangerous to pregnant women than most other cats because they had just been infected with the parasite,

"If my wife were pregnant and I knew the cat was excreting these organisms, I wouldn't be cavalier

about that," he said.
PETA Chairman Pacheco said that his group, which claims 200,000 members, aimed to open government-sponsored research public scrutiny.

He told of a federally-funded laboratory where monkeys with severed spines were forced by electrical shock to use crippled arms to eat.

Pacheco said he worked at the lah for four months before calling in the police to arrest the head researcher, who had worked on the same experiment for 22 years, unaccountable to taxpayers who spent \$1.5 million on the research.

"Our concern is pain and suf-fering. If you wouldn't do it to a retarded child, you probably shouldn't be doing it to an intelligent, healthy animal either,'



the "Romany" Gypsy Theatre, Nikolai Golubenko, star in the new film — TASS.

# Fog in Channel, Europe no longer cut off

By Knut Pries

LONDON - Napoleon was the first to dream of linking Britain to the rest of Europe with a tunnel. Now, 185 years later, it finally begins to look as if it will happen. Treaties are signed, and the

first of 11 machines to drill a 50-kilometre twin rail tunnel under the channel is ready to start digging.
For the Anglo-French Euro-

tunnel consortium, which plans to finish the tunnel by May, 1993, now is the time to get investors and banks to stump up the promised money.

"The important message we will now be giving to the hanks around the world is what a very robust project this is," said Eurotunnel's British co-chairman, Alastair Morton, as he set off on

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a two-week worldwide promotion have been 30 attempts to hridge it tour for the project. Total cost is estimated at £6

billion (\$9.6 hillion). On Angust 25, fifty international hanks agreed to underwrite a £5 billion (\$8 billion) loan, and now seek others to join in. Eurotunnel also plans to sell £750 million (\$1.2 billion) of shares in November.

The Eurotunnel promotion roadshow will include New York and Tokyo — twelve Japanese were among those to underwrite this month's loan.

Morton and his French counterpart, Andre Benard, must now convince potential investors that a privately-financed project can succeed where state-backed predecessors have failed.

Since 1802, when one of Napoleon's engineers drafted plans for a link across the channel, there

square miles of territory to find vulnerable prey.

In New Zealand, with no predators to

threaten them, flightless birds such as

the moa, kiwi, and weka evolved.

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NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC NEWS GRAPHIC

In the unfruitful high arctic, a pack of wolves may cover a thousand

or tunnel under it.

British fears that a defensive moat would be breached -- the country has not been invaded since the Norman conquest in 1066 — killed an Anglo-French rail tunnel project in 1883.

And, although Britain felt less threatened in 1975, tight finances killed a later proposal in that

Technically, drilling the tunnel should be no problem, Eurotunnel says. Preliminary boring has already started on the French side and is due to begin at the British end in December.

benign geological structure, it is almost ideal," Eurotunnel's technical director Colin Kirkland said raising about the chalk marl layer 40 metres below the seabed through which the tunnel will go.

But financial analysts say Morton and Benard will have to convince investors that:

- Eurotunnel can cope with nuforeseen hold-ups such as strikes or unforeseen geological problems.

- An anti-tunnel campaign by environmentalists in southern England coastal region will die

-1t will be faster for motorists to use a train shuttle service, even at peak times, than it would be to take a ferry, - It is worth waiting five

years, until the tunnel opens, for "We could not have a more Eurotnnnel to start earning Eurotunnel had difficulties in raising £46 million (\$74 million) and £206 million (\$330 million) in

its two first share issues last au-

The April 1986 disaster at the

**Chernobyl Nuclear Power** 

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California.

# have attempted to discourage the practice, and a number of heads up forcefully. They should do rial hy the end of the year.

By Berhane Ras-Work

ADDIS ABABA -- Eradication of the damaging practice of female circumcision by the year 2000 was the goal agreed by participants from some 29 African countries at a regional seminar on traditional practices affecting the health of women and children in Africa, held here ear-

lier this year. Now an Inter-African Committee is helping 13 national groups in countries where the practice is common to produce educational materials, including videos, posters and pamphlets, for village health workers, traditional birth attendants, community develop-

ment workers and the media. The Addis Ababa meeting in April 1987 followed one held in 1984 in Dakar at which the Inter-African Committee (IAC) was formed to initiate activities against harmful practices such as female circumcision and identify a view to promoting them.

Female circumcision consists of partial or total removal of the clitoris and sometimes the labia minora. An extreme form, infibulation, mainly practised in Egypt, Sudan, Somalia, Djibouti and parts of Ethiopia, involves the stitching of the labia so that only a small opening remains. Widely practised in east, west and central Africa, and to a lesser extent in some other parts of the world, female circumcision always results in lifelong pain during intercourse and childhirth, and often causes urinary difficulties, tearing, infection, bleeding, the formation of keloids (hard tissue) and other problems.

Over 75 million girls and women in Africa are believed to have undergone circumcision, which is carried out soon after hirth in some societies and at puberty or marriage in others. It is always painful and sometimes

Some African governments

of state have openly pronounced against it, notably President Moi of Kenya, President Ahdou Diouf of Senegal, President Mathien Kerekou of Benin and President Thomas Sankara of Burkina Faso.

The main objective of the IAC, which has offices in Geneva and Addis Abaha, is to reach village women who are to a large extent victims of female circumcision. The committee is now trying to set up more national committees in all the other countries where female circumcision and other harmful practices exist.

At the recent Addis Ababa meeting, which was organised by the IAC and co-sponsored by the Ethiopian Ministry of Health, the U.N. Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), the organisation of African Unity (OAU) and UNICEF, many notable Africans spoke out against the practice and a plan outlining national and regional action was unanimously

adopted. Opening the seminar. Ethiopia's Minister of Health, Gizaw Tsehai, pointed out that there are many good tradi-tional practices which could be exported outside the African continent. But there are also "backward practices ... which present serious threats to the health of our women and children." He called upon all Africans to accelerate the campaign for the eradication of these practices. Professor Adehayo Adedeji,

U.N. under secretary-general and executive secretary of the ECA, said that some traditions and customs are simply no longer re-levant, and "number among the major factors that hinder women from fully enjoying their educa-tional, political and social rights."

Mrs. Mary Tadesse, head of the African Training and Research Centre for Women at the ECA in Addis Ahaha, stressed

that now, not underestimating their power to comhat female circumcision, she said. Dr. Olayinka Koso-Thomas

health hazards for women and children associated with female circumcision, which had been discussed at a seminar held in Freetown last year. Referring to the secrecy which surrounds the practice in Sierra Leone, she stressed the importance of involving secret society leaders in the campaign for eradication.

Dr. Leila Mehra of the World Health Organisation, which provided the services of two experts, stressed WHO's strong opposition to intermediary steps and aseptic methods for female circumcision. The practice should be abolished once and for all and never performed under a medical umbrella.

The seminar other practices harmful to women's and children's health. such as child marriage and early pregnancy, practices related to delivery and child spacing, and nutritional taboos.

The participants agreed a comprehensive plan of action covering all the practices discussed. It called for national, international, and non-governmental support for a programme to abolish all forms of female circumcision by the year 2000. Of prime importance would be the production for local use of educational : material to explain to all health and development workers and to the general public the damaging effects of the practice. The IAC in Geneva and Addis Ahaha would coordinate the production of these materials with national committees. The committee hopes for continuing support from Swedish and Norwegian Save the Children, UNICEF, UNFPA and the Population Crisis Committee. The aim is to

rial hy the end of the year. The IAC has already produced

a kit of educational material on the harmful effects of female circumcision, consisting of a model, from Sierra Leone outlined the flannelgraphs and slides with viewers, which is in great demand in the countries concerned and can be ordered from IAC in

The plan of action also recommended that family planning sarvices should be made available :c all in both rural and urhan areas. Traditional birth attendants should be trained in modern midwifery and taught techniques of modern family planning. Wavs should be found of compensating them for the loss of the income they received from performing female circumcision, perhaps by allowing them to sell contracep-

A family size appropriate to national objectives should he en-couraged, and population policies and programmes should be closely related to measures for improving the situation of women. The plan also calls for all African governments to adopt policies supporting traditional patterns of hreastfeeding.

Finally, to counter the physical, psychological and social currage caused to young girls by early marriage and pregnancy, family life education should he made available to both hoys and girls in primary and secondary schools and sex education should he introduced in colleges and universities. Family planning services should be provided, in a culturally acceptable way, to all, in both rural and urhan areas. To support these measures, all African governments are urged to raise the legal age of marriage for girls from 14 to 18 years. The next IAC meeting on tra-

ditional practices affecting the health of women and children in Africa will be held in Cairo in 1990 — People features.

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# Joyner-Kersee sets 2nd-best long jump ever at Rome games

Aouita plans to grab 800, 1,500 double in Seoul

ROME (Agencies) - Morocco's Olympic 5,000 metres champion and world record-holder Said Aoulta has said he planned to win gold medals in both the 800 and 1,500 metres at the Seoul Olympics'

"I'm sure to win both." Aousta, who holds four world records, told a news conference on Monday. "This closes the story on the 5,000 metres."

Aouita, who will run only the 5,000 metres at the World Championships here, said he was fully recovered from an inflamed nerve in his left call and hinted at a world record in Sunday's final.

"I think I can run around 12 minutes 56 seconds and be the first to go under 13 minutes twice," said Aouita, who lowered his own world mark to 12:58.39 at the Rome Golden Gala meeting here last month. Aouita also holds the world 1,500 record.

Meanwhile, American Jackie Joynet-Kersee moved closer to shattering her world heptathlon record at the World Track and Field Championships Tuesday. with her second-best long jump ever in the event.

Her score after five events left her within reach of becoming the first haptathlete to surpass 7,200

announced cash bonuses for its

winning athletes at next week's

South-East Asian Games as con-

troversy continued about the

funding of the eight-nation event.

told a news conference the gov-

ernment would give \$600 bonuses

to athletes who win a gold medal.

and another \$300 for a second

Sports Minister Abdul Gafur

JAKARTA (R) — Indonesia has gold

Earlier. Greg Foster of the United States set a meet record of 13.20 seconds in a first-round heat of the men's 110-metre hur-

Foster, the detending champion, shaved two-hundredths of a second off the old mark he set in the semifinals of the inaugura! world championships four years

The American was quick out of the blocks and clipped several hurdles on his way to the mark, to pace the way into the semifinals. Other heats were won hy Mark McCoy of Canada in 13.50, Jon Ridgeon of Britain in 13.46, Jack Pierce of the United States in 13.61 and Stephane Caristan of France in 13.44.

Calvin Smith of the United States, the defending champion who lost his world record in the 100 to Ben Johnson on Sunday, cruised into the second round of the men's 200 metres, winning his

"I believe this incentive will

provide a positive boost for the

athletes." he said on Monday

during the official swearing-in

ceremony for Indonesia's 700-

strong contingent. He said his ministry had col-

lected funds from the public to be

given out as bonuses, and the

idea had been approved by Presi-

Indonesia plans bonus for athletes amid funding controversy



Foster ... eye-catching run

Other qualifiers included Robson da Silva of Brazil in 20.56, John Regis of Britain at 20.76, Pierfrancesco Pavoni of Italy at 20.80. Wallace Spearmon of the United States at 20.82. Floyd Heard of the United States at 20.37 — the fastest qualifying time - Attila Kovacs of Hungary at 20.77, and Bruno Marie Rose of France at 20.82.

The hurdle heats started a husy fourth day of the championships,

About 2,500 athletes will take

part in the 11-day games, which

will cost host country Indonesia

\$8 million at a time when budgets

of all ministries have been cut

Other countries taking part are

because of lower oil revenues.

defending champions Thailand,

Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei,

Burma. Philippines and a team

from the Kampuchean guerrilla

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Aouita ...

with American Jackie Joyoer-Kersee aiming at her own world record on the final day of the heptathion and 400-metre hurdler Edwin Moses defending his title.

Following Monday's 100-metre hurdles, high jump, shot put and the 200-metres. Joyner-Kersee led the heptathion with 4,256 points, 111 more than she had after the first day when she set the world record of 7,158 tast summer in Houston.

cused of encouraging gambling in the world's largest Muslim society

through a state lottery to help

Charges of embezziement by

Prominent Muslim scholars

have attacked the government for

sponsoring a foothall tottery

known as porkas, saying it is

turning some of the poorest and

most vulnerable members of soci-

ety into gambling addicts.

games organisers have also sur-

finance the event.

# New sports installations to be inaugurated at RSS

AMMAN (Petra) — The Royal Scientific Society (RSS) announced on Tuesday the completion of work on sports installations and other facilities within the RSS premises; and said arrangements were made with sports coaches to train RSS staff and members of their families.

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to stay in

horse allowed

New Zealand

WELLINGTON (R) — New Zealand has reversed a deporta-

tion order against a South Afri-

can-hred horse and will let the

The horse, 11-year-old Des-

trover, had earlier been ordered

out of New Zealand because it

Prime Minister David Lange

on Monday promised to review

the ban and revealed he had once

allowed South African-hred goats

Customs Minister Trevor de

Cleene said on Tuesday if owner

Peter McKenzie applied to keep

Destroyer in New Zealand, the

without the necessary prior

approval and could have been

forfeited to the government. But

he was prepared to waive the

forfeiture and allow the horse to

He said the horse was imported

application would be granted.

animal stay in the country.

was born in South Africa.

into New Zealand.

The facilities will be formally opened on Wednesday by Mr. Jamal Al Budur, the RSS's vice president for administrative iffairs, according to the

It said that RSS staff will from now on be able to hold football,

volleyball, lawn tennis, and bas-kethall matches and can also play chess and table tennis at an adjoining hall during their free

The opening day will he marked with a friendly volleyball game by selected members of the RSS's different departments, the announcement added.

Dr. Abdullah Waddah director of the RSS's sports committee said that a sports tournament will start at the RSS's grounds on Saturday, with the participation of teams from the RSS's various departments.

# England gambles on Rush fitness in European match

CARDIFF (R) - Welsh manager Mike England has optimistically included injured striker Ian Rush in his squad for the European Championship qualifying match against Denmark in Cardiff next week.

The former Liverpool marksman pulled a thigh muscle in his debut match for Juventus and was originally told he would be out of action for five weeks, but he now hopes to start light training this.

"lan's hoping he can make it," said England, who is in constant touch with the striker. "Until he does some running, we won't

know what his chances are, although he says he feels good at the moment.

Port Vale's Andy Jones, who scored on his dehnt in the 4-0 group six win against Finland in April, will step in alongside Mark Hughes if Rush fails to make it.

England is also gambling on a return to fitness of Everton goalkeeper Neville Southall, who missed the start of his club's English League title defence after a cartil age operation.

Southall had his first action of the season in the reserves last Saturday

# Olympic body firm on need for N. Korean response

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP)

The head of the International Olympie Committee (IOC) will not call a fifth meeting to discuss co-hosting of the 1988 Summer Games in Seoul until North Korea responds to its latest proposal, an IOC spokeswoman said

IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch, in an Aug. 24 letter to the North Korean Olympic Committee, made clear he does not consider the North's reduction of its co-hosting demands last month an answer to his July 15 offer, 10C spokeswoman Michele Verdier said.

Tuesday.

"They didn't answer specifically to our proposal. We are still waiting," she said. Verdier reiterated the IOC

position that a new round of the three-way talks at IOC headquarters in Lausanne will not be held before North Korea replies to the July proposal hy the Olympic body and South Korea, whose capital is the designated games

She was commenting on North Korea's response to the IOC chief's letter, in which the Koreans

urged Samaranch to call an early fifth round of talks and regretted his insistence on the North's full

acceptance of the July proposal. She rejected Kim's suggestion that, if talks are not held before the Seoul invitations are sent to national Olympic organisations Sept. 17, the invitations should be postponed. A delay would violate the Olympic charter, she said. She stressed Sept. 17 has not a

deadline. Samaranch has said, though, that it will become harder to reach agreement after that Samaranch had termed the July

offer final, but he also said that about the previous one which he subsequently made more generous.

Samaranch is currently abroad and is scheduled to return to Lausanne Sept. 14 for an IOC executive board meeting starting the next day, Verdier said.

> North still seeks talks

North Korea, still seeking to stage more of the events of the 1988 Olympics, said Tuesday it

regretted that the IOC was insist. ing on accepting the commission'

latest offer. The North's official Korear Central News Agency, moni tored in Tokyo, said the country Olympic committee had replied hy demanding that a fifth round of talks be held on the issue.

The agency said Kim Yu-Sun the committee chairman, had sent a letter Monday to Samaranch expressing "regret... that the IOC attached the condition that a joint meeting may be held on condition that we fully accepted the July 15 'adjusted proposal' of the IOC." The letter had not arrived in Lausanne & Tuesday. Verdier said.

The IOC's latest proposal, made at the fourth round of talks in July, offered the North five 10N sports, with the men's 100 kilometre cycling race kilometre cycling race and the women's volleyhall tournament added to an earlier proposal for 

Samaranch said it was the said it loc's "final offer."

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# **SPORTS IN BRIEF**

### Tardelli to join Swiss soccer club

ST GALLEN, Switzerland (R) — Midfielder Marco Tardelli, who scored for Italy in their 1982 World Cup final triumph, has signed a two-year contract with St. Gallen, the Swiss First Division side said on Tuesday. Tardelli, 33, who joins St. Gallen from Internazionale Milan, was capped 85 times by Italy. His goal in the 1982 World Cup final in Madrid helped defeat West Germany 3-1. Before moving to Inter, Tardelli spent 10 years with Juventus Turin where he won five Italian championship

### Japanese, Thai to fight for new WBC title

TOKYO (R) — Japanese mini-flyweight champion Hiroki lioka and Thailand's Mai Thonburifarm will fight for the World Boxing Council's (WBC) newly created straw-weight division in Japan next month, the Japan Boxing Commission (JBC) said on Tuesday, JBC said the 12-round title fight for the 105 pounds (47.61 kilos) division will be held in Osaka on October 18.

### Date for yachting race to be set

SAN DIEGO, California (AP) - A news conference will be held Wednesday to announce the site of the next America's Cup Regatta. The news conference at the San Diego yacht cinh will be held hy members of the committee named to select the location and date of the next prestigious international sailing race.

### Runners disqualified after crackdown

YEOVIL, England (R) - British Olympic 10,000 metres runner Nick Rose was among a field of international runners disqualified after a mile race here because a pacemaker was used to take them through the first two laps. The invitation race, the first of a series of four organised by the British milers club in an attempt to achieve the first four-minute mile in the west of England, was won by former Canadian junior charippion Mark Olsen in four minutes 03.2 seconds after the early pacemaker, club runner Stuart Berwick, had dropped out just beyond the halfway mark. Welsh International. Chris Buckley was second.

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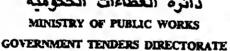
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### **LONDON EXCHANGE RATES**

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### **LONDON STOCK MARKET**

LONDON (R) — Shares were mixed but with a firmer bias in quiet trading nn Tuesday after July U.K. balance of payments data showed a larger than expected £310 million current account

The FTSE 100 index lost around 15 points in the 15 minutes following the annuncement of the figures hut, in contrast to the reaction to other recent U.K. economie indicators, the downward movement was relatively short-lived, dealers said.

Analysts said the low level of oil exports, depressed by seasonal

factors, were expected to improve in the coming months. There was also some evidence that the surge in imports reflected a rise in capital investment rather than higher consumer spending. Rising consumer spending bas been causing concern over an increase in inflationary pressures.

Nick Knight, share analyst with James Capel, said while the figures were nn the disappointing side of forecasts, U.K. economic fundamentals should keep the equity market fairly stable. "The figures were bad, but not a disaster," be said. Dealers said the consensus view was that although the U.K. trade positinn was worsening, the level of imports was not out of

FORECAST FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 2, 1987 GENERAL TENDENCIES: This afternoon would be an excellent time to decide which changes and new arrangements would benefit your business interests. This

evening is the time to implement these ideas.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) A new contact can be very helpful to you today. Arrange a meeting with a superior

wbo can also help your career. TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) You'll have a good idea

this morning about how to please your mate. Follow through with it this evening.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Start up a new public project which will improve your community status considerably. Take no risks today.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Your income can be increased considerably through more productive activities with business associates.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Arrange some entertainments for the next few days this morning. Handle traviting daties in the aversing.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) This morning is a fine time for making those changes at home which you have

been thinking about lately. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Take care of your impor-

tant correspondence early today. Do whatever will make your home life more harmonious. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Get an early start on handling monetary matters. Be prepared to make some

home repairs which you've overlooked. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Make some plans for recreation with friends this afternoon. Handle your

money wisely — a new budget would help.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Find a better way to be successful in your routine activities. Try to be more cheerful and endearing to your loved one.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Show new acquain-

tances that you want them as firm friends. This evening can be a very happy one with your mate.
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can be improved considerably if you study it and use

some resourcefulness and intelligence.
IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ... he or she will have excellent intuitive perceptions and a brilliant mind. A desire to travel exists here, so a knowledge of foreign languages would be helpful. Your progeny could be quite famous in nearly any profession. If he or she is involved in any sports, they should be gentle.

THE Daily Crossword by Edizabeth Arthus

### Japanese minister suggests insuring foreign loans

Monday a global "risk insurance" help debtor nations deal with their monetary problems, Kyodo tries, Kyodo said. News Service reported.

ported.

He also suggested establishing an international centre to promnte the conversion of debts into equities in debtor nations, it added.

The centre would help private late September.

TOKYO (AP) — Finance Minisbanks to sell the securities of ter Klichi Miyazawa suggested debtor countries at discount prices to investors who then for foreign loans and a system to would receive local currencies to buy stocks in firms of those coun-

The idea is that this would help Mr. Miyazawa said the insur- debtor nations reduce their foreance plan would help banks re- ign debts as their debts became cover debts so that the flow of based on local currencies instead, foreign funds into debtor nations and funds would flow back as would be facilitated, Kyodo re- investment to stimulate their economies, Kyodo said.

It said Mr. Miyazawa would make the proposals at an annual meeting of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank in Washington beginning in

### Yeutter sees no early drop in stubbornly high U.S. deficit

WASHINGTON (R) — U.S. Trade Representative Clayton Yeutter, predicting nn majnr drop in the U.S. trade deficit this year, has asked Japan, West Ger-many and American husinesses to help narrow the gap. Mr. Yeutter said in an interview with Reuters on Monday he-

was disappointed with the high trade deficit for the first six months of 1987, despite a sharp fall in the dollar over the past two years against the Japanese yen and West German mark. Asked if be was shying away

from earlier administration predictions that last year's deficit of \$156.2 billion would fall by \$20 to \$30 billioo this year, be said the estimates "look to be increasingly

Mr. Yeutter said be was disappointed the deficit had not fallen yet, "but sometimes the real world doesn't operate the way government officials would

He said, however, be boped the deficit this year would not set another record, as it bas every year since 1981. Reasoos for the stubbornly

high deficit, be said, included the lagging Japanese and West German economies, foreign firms clinging to the U.S. market despite the lower dollar and a failure of U.S. firms to sell at bome and

Mr. Yeutter said Japan and West Germany needed to stimulate their economies to enable them to buy more of their own goods and also to create a larger market for U.S. goods, "But this is not happening," he

said be believed Japan would stimulate its eco- Japan was yet booouring its nomy as Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone pledged in President Reagan earlier this year, but be market to U.S. goods.



Clayton Yeutter said West Germany should do

Japanese tenacity in holding markets bas been a major factor in keeping the deficit high, despite the rise in the yen against the dollar, Mr. Yeutter said. But be noted U.S. firms had

not done enough to keep their overseas markets when the dollar rose and now were not trying bard enough to regain the U.S. market as the dollar fell.
"We lost market share nn the

npside of the dollar move. We have not been regaining market share nearly as effectively on the downside," he said. Mr. Yeutter also said there

would be no early end to the 100 per cent tariffs President Reagan imposed last April against Japanese felevisioo sets, power tools and personal computers. President Reagan imposed the curbs on \$300 million worth of

goods in retaliation for Japan's alleged dumping of microchips in the U.S. and third country markets at below cost
....The president lifted some of the sanctions in June because Japan ended dumping in the U.S. market, but Mr. Yeutter said pledge to end dumping in other

countries and tn npen its own

# agreement

CAIRO (R) - Canada will provide Egypt with \$20 million in food aid to buy 100,000 tonnes of Canadian wheat under an agreement signed Monday, the Canadian embassy said. France and Canada signed a five-year agreement in 1985 under which Cairo will buy 500,000 tonnes of wheat a year. Egypt, whose per capita consumption of wheat is among the highest in the world, is in the market this year for up to 6.5 million tonnes of wheat and wheat flour. Its main suppliers are France, the United States, Australia and Canada.

### Frenchman to build hotel in Damascus

DAMASCUS (R) — A Syrian-born French businessman signed a contract with the Syrian government Mnnday to build a luxury botel in ceotral Damascus, the official Syrian news agency SANA reported. It said the deal was signed by Tourism Minister Nawras Al Daqr and Mr. Omran Adham, representing his Brussels-based investment group. The group will pay to build the 500room hotel and run it for seven years, after which it will revert to the Syrian government, the agency said. Mr. Adham often reflects Syria's official thinking in the West, diplomats say, and was involved last year in efforts to free foreign hostages held in

### Jazairy urges debt repayment in local funds

Lebanon.

ROME (OPECNA) - Dr. Idriss Jazairy, president of the International Fund for Agricultural De-velopment (IFAD) has called oo industrialised countries to consider authorising developing countries to reimburse a part of their "bilateral public debt" in local Currency.

He said this could be done on a

case-by-case basis and made applicable to the developing countries of Africa and those whose debt service payments exceeded 20 per cent of their export re-

"The fuods could then be placed in an account with an: international organisation, like IFAD, allowing it to fund programmes designed to fight poverty and bunger in these countries while at the same time repaying their debt," he said.

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# Egypt, Canada sign food aid Dollar's value stays weak

Gold was fixed in London at

\$453.10 an ounce, barely changed

from its previous fix on Friday of

The proce of North Sea Brent

crude oil for October delivery

was quoted at about \$18.55 a

barrel compared with a close

The Tokyo Stock Exchange hit

record high with the Nikkei

The Dow Jones industrial aver-

225-share index up 89.20 points

age jumped 23.60 points tn close

straight days of losses but still

ooly a portion of the 70.15 points

In Lnndnn, the Financial

Times Stock Exchange index of

100 leading sbares stood at

over the day at 26,118.42.

LONDON (R) — The value of the dollar and the 2,261.6 and at one point hit 2,262.3. But it went spinning price of gold held steady in Europe on Tuesday, but spot oil prices slipped after rising on Monday on increased Gulf tension.

\$453.40.

Monday of \$18.75.

In Britain, a bigger current account deficit than the markets had anticipated belped to rekindle fears that increased imports were belping to fuel domestic inflatinn. By midday the dollar was trading around opening levels but dealers said underlying

sentiment was pessimistic. "We think it's going to stabilise around its current levels for the next week or so while the market waits for more trade figures from the U.S.," one dealer said, adding that the U.S. currency's tone was still weak.

However the tensinns in the Gulf and the possibility of ceotral hanks buying dollars to stop any rapid fall underpinned the cur-

The dnllar npened at 1.81235 West German marks compared with a final 1.8120 marks in Tnkyo and 1.8165 close in New York. It finished at 1.8105 in London on Friday ahead of a three-day boliday weekend.

2,250.1 points at midday compared to a close of 2,249.7 on

Ahead of the British trade figures, the FTSE index npened at deficit in 1987.

downwards after the government published the current account data, recovering slightly from the morning's low of 2,238.6. Sterling was trading at the lower end of Tuesday's trading range.

Consensus in the market Tuesday morning was that prospects for the pound did not look bealthy.

"Sterling's nnw stabilising around 2.96 marks and it's been down to 2.94, compared to its recent steady few mooths around 2.98. It will suffer if we dnn't get a good figure nn trade," nne dealer commented ahead of the trade statistics.

Investors were waiting for U.S. at 2,662.95, a reversal of three July trade data, due nn Sept. 11 which is nnt expected to show much change on June's \$15.71 that the index shares gave up last billinn trade deficit.

On Monday the Bank of Japan had intervened on a modest scale, helping tn support the currency. but the day's time bad been set by U.S. Trade Representative Clayton Yeutter's comments that he saw little hope for any major improvement in the U.S. trade

# trade deficit soars

LONDON (R) — Scaring imports put Britain's balance of payments deeper into the red on

Government figures showed a £910 million (\$1.4 billion) deficit in visible earnings — the differences between imports and exports — which was slightly worse than bad been expected. When invisible earnings from

insurance, banking and financial services were included, the current account deficit was £310 million (\$500 million), after a £140 million (\$230 million) deficit for

July's worsening figure was blamed on imports, which rose to a record £7.6 billion (\$12.3 bil-

The figures renewed unease in

nomy might overbeat and that dustry leaders, forecasts a period higher interest rates may be needed tn eurh a cnnsumer spending boom which, besides drawing in more imported goods, may accelerate inflation. But, although share values

eased and British government bonds slipped, analysts were inclined to be wary rather than panieky.

"The figures are bad, but not a disaster," Mr. Nick Knight of James Capel and Co said. A share dealer commeoted: 'As far as the markets are concerned, the trade figures don't

show imports out of control, but we'll bave to look out for coming The Confederation of British

financial markets that the eco- Industry (CBI), which groups inof steady growth for the economy with a reduced risk of overheat-

ing.

Its forecast, made before the payments figures were issued, said base lending rates would remain stable, with a slight in-crease in the current inflation rate of 4.4 per cent. "There is little evidence from

onr members of increasing inflationary pressures which could lead to overheating in the economy over the next few months, CBI's David Wriggleswnrtb said.

On the stock market, shares opened higher in anticipation of improved statistics and fell back to Friday's closing levels after the data was released.

had belped increase losses by

state enterprises by up to 18.5 per

cent in the first seven months of

this year, compared with the

is not ideal ... if we do not strictly

"The rate of revenue collection

same period in 1986:

# Chinese firms form illegal cartels

PEKING (R) — Chinese state levying of fees," it said. "We Mr, Chi as saying rises in the enterprises are forming illegal must improve price laws and use price of raw materials and energy cartels, abusing price systems and selling bad materials, pushing the country further into debt, official ment masters, state

month probe ending in May had their products at a price higher discovered nearly 34,000 malpractices by state enterprises sell- munist Party's newspaper said. SLMAI TAW

ing \$90 million.

"It is no longer enough to rely on investigations to deal with illegal price increases and illegal

Instead of serving their govern-

ment masters, state enterprises newspapers said Monday. were ganging together to set up
The People's Daily said a 17illegal monopolies and selling

Costs were pushed up by the illegal employment of middlemen who extorted management fees when setting np contracts with buyers, the daily added.

China bas at least two prices for most raw materials, a low one for those sold under state quotas and a much higher one for mate-

rials sold on opeo markets.

The daily said enterprises were also passing nff had products as good and railway departments were illegally leasing wagons at exorbitant rates to trasport goods outside the state plan, the paper

Deputy Finance Minister Chi Haibin said these increases in raw-material prices were fuelling China's national deficit. The Economie Daily quoted

manage revenue in the second balf of the year, spending increases will greatly surpass rises in income," he said. Mr. Chi also attacked bad man-

agement, high production costs, poor quality and "shocking" waste in many state businesses. Revenue from state enterprises the most important element in

the natinnal budget. A Western diplomat said many of the abuses bad arised because of shnrtages of raw materials and because China bad a dnuble pric-

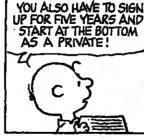
ing system. "State firms benefit from subsidies which enable them to produce at low cost. Then they find ways to sell their goods on the free market, where prices are very high," he said.

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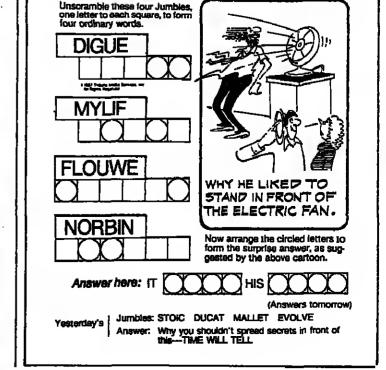


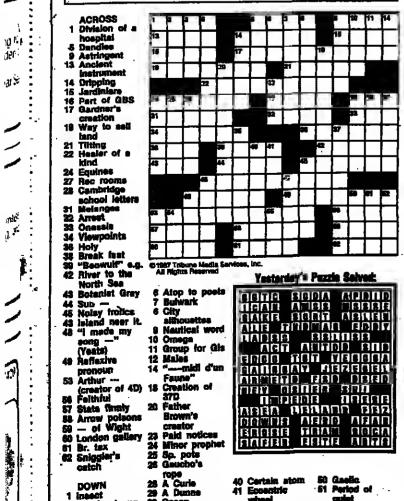
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# Ramos vows to crush any threat to Aquino

Sacked colonel demands ouster of army chief

MANILA (Agencies) — A senior officer sacked for supporting last week's failed coup in the Philippines openly defied the government on Tuesday by calling for the resignation on Philippine Army Chief General Fidel Ramos.

Only Gen. Ramos's dismissal would avoid future coup attempts against President Aquino, Col.

Rodolfo Agumaldo told Reuters. Blaming Gen. Ramos for deen divisions in the armed forces, Col. Aguinaldo said: "In Western countries, a general would have committed suicide."

Col. Aguinaldo was dismissed as commander of the paramilitary constabulary in the northern province of Cagayan on Saturday after he openly supported rebel

The region was a stronghold of rebel troops who staged the bloodiest and most serious coup attempt Mrs. Aquino has faced. Gen. Ramos, reacting to claims

that a rebel government had been established, vowed on Tuesday to crush anything which posed a threat to Mrs. Aquinn.

"This is a last ditch attempt to generate support for a lost cause," Gen. Ramos said a day after the mutineers announced in a press statement the establishment of what they called a junta as a rival provisional government.

"This is really more of a political problem, if there is a junta," Gen. Ramos told a news confer-

"Assuming they have been able to put up a provisional government, this is a direct challenge to the constitutional government and we will do everything to make sure that it does not dis-

NEW DELHI (R) — Indian revenue police on Tuesday raided the offices of the Indian Express,

the country's largest-circulation

English-language daily and a merciless pursuer of alleged cor-ruption in Prime Minister Rajiv

Gandhi's government. Editor Arun Shourie told Reu-

ters 30 men from the Directorate

of Revenue Intelligence arrived

at the newspaper offices in cen-

tral Delhi on Tuesday morning

and started searching the telex

room, accounts department and

He said he had demanded their

warrant and although they had

produced one, they refused to

give him a copy as the law de-

Mr. Shourie said he had re-

fused to let the search go on and

the men had gone to get the

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Indian police raid newspaper

turb, endanger the sovereignty, integrity and security of the Republic of the Philippines.

The presidential palace dismissed the rebel claim. "How can a provisional government he effective when it does not even control one square metre of territory?" presidential Press Secretary

Teodoro Benigno said.

In quelling Friday's hloody
coup attempt by hundreds of rebel soldiers, Gen. Ramos said the armed forces "has averted a civil

war" in the country. He said government forces were tracking down escaped coup leader Col. Gregorio "Gringo" Honasan in order to arrest him.

A top church ally of Mrs. Aquino assailed corruption in her government and said only God's miracle saved her from over-

"I cannot understand why it (the coup attempt) was unsuc-cessful," Cardinal Jaime Sin said in a speech before government officials and employees, including

Mrs. Aquino. "If we have sent (the coup leaders) into hiding, it is not because the government had more credibility and better resources. I say it was because of a

Cardinal Sin strongly backed Mrs. Aquino in the 1986 "peo-ple's power" revolution that en-

that all 11 Indian Express offices

around the country were also

being raided. Reuter reporters in

Bombay and Madras confirmed

this and said tight security nets

had been thrown up around the

The Express is a strong suppor-ter of former Finance Minister

and Defence Minister Vish-

wanath Pratap Singh, ousted

from the government earlier this

year before he could complete

probes into illegal funds held

the Swedish Bofors Company de

prominent scandal, the armsmak-

er's alleged payment of up to \$40

million in bribes to unnamed In-

dian officials to secure a huge

offices in those cities.

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The editor said he had reports contract for the Indian army.

appointment at her failure to check government corruption, one of the reasons cited by mutineers in mounting Friday's bloody rebellion.

Mrs. Aquino in her speech also ascribed to "a miracle" the quelling of the rehellion.
"I am convinced that so long as

the country needs me, God will spare me," she said. "God in his infinite mercy may

have seen fit to give us another chance," Cardinal Sin said. He said he knew Mrs. Aquino to be an "honest and sincere" leader but deplored that corrup-

tion had not abated among other

Referring to corruption in the Marcos government, Cardinal Sin said, "We thought it would end with the fleeing of the ousted dictator, Ali Baba, yet there are

still 40 thieves around." He urged government officials to mend their corrupt ways, saying this was the reason the Aquino government had been the target of five attempted coups in

months in office.

Mean hile the country's bestknown anti-Communist police chief, who has been criticised by human rights groups for arming vigilantes, was shot and wounded in a fracas with drunken soldiers, the military said Tuesday.

The military said Lt.-Col, Fan-co Calida was wounded late Mon-day when he and other officers tried to disarm six drunken Philippine Constabulary soldiers who were firing their weapons inside a ple's power' revolution that en-ded Ferdinand Marcos' rule but has since voiced growing dis-restaurant in Davao City on Min-danao Island, 975 kilometres south east of Manila.

### U.K.'s SDP votes to merge with Liberals

PORTSMOUTH, England (R)

— Britain's Social Democratic Party (SDP) has voted to merge with the Liberal Party, bowing out of the political arena after six years as an alternative centre-left

The end came quietly after a day of acrimony in a barely-opposed show of hands in this southern port's civic centre.

by Indians and bribes The plan to merge with the stronger Liberals, after a distaken in connection with defence astrous showing in June's general The newspaper has recently election despite an electoral pact encouraged its readers to write to between the two, split the SDP and forced David Owen to step manding the truth about the most down as leader.

Opponents fiercely resisted the plan almost to the last, despite a membership ballot earlier this month which endorsed it by 57 to

43 per cent. But a key amendment designed to block the SDP's national committee from going ahead with merger negotiations was defeated 228-151 an hour before the end of the second day of the party's last

annual conference Monday.

The opposition crumbled and when the final, formal vote approving the merger plan was taken, only a few hands were raised against and no count was

Mr. Owen, seemingly destined for the political wilderness after a decade as one of the key figures in British politics, has vowed to lead the anti-merger faction in a splinter party true to Social Democratic ideals.

In what turned out to be a farewell speech Sunday, he continues to run at roughly 1.5 appealed for no rancour and no bitterness, but flatly refused to reconsider his decision ant to join the integrated party expected to

emerge early next year.
Ranconr and bitterness, however, marked Monday's discussions. Speaker upon speaker expressed anger and amazement that the so-called nice party of British politics, launched with fanfare and enthusiasm in 1981 on a pledge to break the stranglebold of the Conservative and

Labour parties, was reduced to such disarray. Vice-President Roy Jenkins, a founding member, asked how rationality and tolerance had given way to virulence and passion. "How could it have deteriorated so quickly? All of us have

made an awful mess," he said. The Alliance, as the SDP-Liberal pact is called, gained only 22 seats in the 650-member House of Commons in the June 11 general election. Opinion polls say its public support has since declined further from 23 to 17 per

Little-known Scottish politician Robert MacLennan, one of five SDP members returned to Westminster, took over as party leader on the eve of the conference and will take charge of the negotiations with the Liberals, once a political power with a 150-yearold tradition whose leaders have included Prime Ministers William Gladstone and David Lloyd

# Italian convicts release hostages, surrender

PORTO AZZURRO, Italy (R) Six armed convicts barricaded inside a prison on the island of Elba for more than a week released all 28 of their hostages on Tuesday and surrendered, an official statement said.

The surrender ended Italy's longest prison revolt for at least 15 years.

The convicts, all convicted killers, barricaded themselves inside an infirmary in the cliff-top jail on the island last Tuesday after seizing the hostages.

The prisoners, including neo-

fascist Mario Tuti, were armed with two pistols, knives and about 200 litres (45 gallons) of alcohol and explosives.

They demanded a helicopter to leave the island, and threatened to massacre the captives if more than 1,000 heavily-armed police ringing the jail tried to storm the

Tuesday's statement signed by Antonino Costanza, a public prosecutor from the mainland port of Livorno which has jurisdiction over the island, said: "at 11.35 (0935 GMT) Tuesday the prisoners in revolt at the prison of Porto Azzurro released the hsostages held captive in the infirmary area since Aug. 25 and surrendered to the competent authorities."

The hostages had been barricaded inside the prison infirmary for seven days and one hour. Church bells in the small town of Porto Azzurro, where most of them live, rang in celebration when their release was annonneed.

But there was no immediate sign of hostages or rebels emerging from the prison.

Twenty-one of the hostages were prison staff, including the governor and a woman social worker. The seven others were prisoners caught up against their will in the revolt.

The official statement said the surrender followed a second round of talks with the convicts' lawyers and a representative of the Italian section of Amnesty International on the possibility of receiving certain prison benefits allowed under penal law.

A first round of talks Monday

night appeared to have achieved no result.

The statement did not say whether the rebels had received

The conditions have been actieved for a peaceful solution to this dramatic case with respect for the law and in a humanitarian way," the statement said.

# Thai boats pick up more bodies, plane wreckage

PHUKET, Thailand (AP) -Police boats and frogmen scoured rough seas in southern Thailand on Tuesday, picking up more bodies and wreckage from a Thai airliner that crashed off a tropical resort island, apparently killing all 83 people on board.

· Workers had retrieved eight more bodies from the Andaman Sea by midafternon, bringing to 18 the number of bodies retrieved since the Boeing 737 crashed Monday afternoon. Earlier reports said nine bodies had been recovered Tuesday.

Rescuers also located intact the plane's "hlack box," which records conversation in the cocknit and may explain why the Thai Airways jet crashed 13 kilometres short of Pbuket Island airport, said Lt. Plodtai Pirathan, deputy commander of provincial marine

No survivors have been found despite search efforts by some 250 workers, a half dozen marine and navy frogmen, 25 fishing vessels and two marine patrol boats, authorities said.

Airline officials said 37 foreign passengers were on board the state-run domestie airline's Flight TH365. Nn official passenger list has been released.

The island resort of Phuket, popular with foreign tourists, is about 869 kilometres south west nf Bangkok.

Reporters on a marine police boat saw a body drifting face down in the main impact area about 2.8 kilometres from the Phuket shore. There was no signs of plane wreckage, and a ship equipped with a crane prepared to baul pieces of the plane from 14 metres of water.

The bodies of five women were found together near two smaller

islands. On shore at Phuket, hundreds of the victims' relatives, local fishermen and others watched as authorities placed crash debris in two piles.

One pile included three oxygen tanks, three life vests, a kettle for boiling water, torn flotation cushions and a leather shoe. The other pile had a tennis shoe, pieces of the plane's insulation and a virtually intact food serving cart and cabinet.

None of the debris was charred despite reports the plane was on fire or exploded either before or upon impact.

In Bangkok, Air Marshal Narong Dithipeng, the airline's managing director, said author-ities would search for another day, then the airline would hire local fishermen to do the work. Other airline officials said the airline was offering villagers 1,000 baht (\$38.46) for every body found.

Larb Hemlarb, who said he watched the crash from his fishing boat two kilometres away, said "I saw the plane nose-dive after an explosion in the front of the plane. It then entered the waterand exploded again."

"The water sprayed up to 200 metres and flames quickly en-guifed the body (of the jet)," he said. "It went straight down after

the second explosion." The cause of the crash remained nuclear Tuesday, but Thai Airway's Phuket Manager, Narong Yantaragorn, said: "We have established the location of the hlack box, but believe it to be lodged in some crevice.'

### Sihanouk urged to resume leadership of resistance

PEKING (AP) - Exiled Kam- Khieu Samphan's Khmer Rouge Sihanouk said Tuesday his main ally, China, wants him to resume Asked if Mr. Deng had preally, China, wants him to resume active leadership of Kampuchea's

divided resistance movement. Prince Sihanouk spoke after he left a closed-door meeting with China's top leader, Deng

Xiaoping.
"We had very, very exciting talks," Prince Sihanouk said. He said of the 83-year-old Deng:
"He was in very good shape, he is in a very good mood."

Also attending the meeting were Prince Sihanonk's partners

in Kampuchea's anti-Vietnamese resistance movement, Khien

Samphan and Son Sann. Prince Sihanouk has quarrelled frequently with them since they nam's nine-year occupation of

Kampuchea

puchean leader Prince Norodom on non-Khmer Rouge Kam-

vailed on him to return to his post, Prince Sihanouk said, "he wished that I could be always very active as the chairman of the coalition and the resistance against the Vietnamese." The prince did not say whether

he had agreed to do so. Since arriving Saturday in Peking, Prince Sibanouk has called several times for unity within the resistance, as have Chinese offi-

The official Xinhua News Agency quoted Mr. Deng as telling the three Kampucheans in Tuesday's meeting that they were invited to Peking so China could of the three resistance forces led by Sihanouk."

He said in May he was stepping down for a year as coalition presi-

### dent because of alleged attacks hy tion's more than 50,000 fighters. Mauritian coalition returns to power

PORT LOUIS (R) — Mauritian Prime Minister Anerood Jugnauth's ruling coalition swept back to power in general elecserious challenge from the tion.

opposition.
Official results of the poll, held day night, gave the centre-right coalition 39 of the 62 contested parliamentary seats against 21 for Paul Berenger's opposition Mauritian Militant Movement

Union. Left-wing Berenger was defe-ated by a candidate of Mr. Jngnauth's four-party coalition, whose win gave the alliance a fresh mandate to continue liberalising the island's prosperous

Poll results in two other constituencies were outstanding., A record 90 per cent of the 640,000 electorate of this Indian .. tions, brushing aside an expected Ocean island voted in the elec-

Although the 42-year-old Berenger lost his seat. he could still on Sunday hut announced Mon- enter parliament by being nominated to fill one of eight seats reserved for "best losers" under a constitutional formula aimed at maintaininga halance between the island's different ethnic communities in the House of

Assembly. Mr. Jugnauth's election win cleared the way for the 57-yearold lawyer of Hindu descent to pass a budget in October after

The prime minister called the election a year early following defections of party members and the resignation of six narliamentarians implicated in a drug smug-

gling scandal. Political analysts and poll watchers bad forecast a close result in the poll, saying the government's image had heen badly dented by the drugs scandal.

Mr. Jugnauth's poll victory was also expected to allow him to move ahead with plans to diversify the country's export-oriented industrial sector away from textiles into new areas such as jewellery, leatherwork, printing and several months of being unable to electronics and open up an count on a parliamentary offshore hanking industry.

# N. Zealand woman sentenced to hang, son gets life in Malaysian drug case

possession. Their lawyer said he would appeal against the convictions and sentences.

"She needs treatment and rehabilitation rather than death," lawyer Karpal Singh told Penang's colonial-style high conrt after Justice Mohamad Dzaiddin Abdullah sentenced Lorraine Phyllis Cohen, 44, to hang for

heroin trafficking.

Her 20-year-old son, Aaron
Shelton, was sentenced to life imprisonment and six strokes of the cane for possession of heroin

he would lodge his appeal immediately and said both mother and son needed treatment for

Announcing that Cohen would hang, the jndge said: "The quantity of heroin speaks for itself. On the balance of prohability the first accused failed to sbow that it was for personal consump-

"The law makes no excuse for being an addict."

Cohen and Shelton were considering an appeal against the harged with trafficking in I40.8 conviction of Aaron, which is the they were hard-core drug addicts

On Shelton's sentence, Judge Dzaiddin said: "You are lucky to escape death by the skin of your teeth. I hope you learn a bitter lesson.

He said the son's medical background suggested he was also an addict, adding: "I believe the heroin was for his own use."

adding as she was escorted into a police van: "The judge was too harsh on Aaron.' Earlier she told Reuters: "Malaysia seems to enjoy hang-

Lawyers said the appeal would be held in Malaysia's supreme court in the capital, Kuala Lumpur. The Final appeal lies with

the Penang Pardons Court. Prosecution Counsel Mohamad Bazain Idris said he was also Lange said in a statement.

first instance in Malaysia of a defence in a drugs case successfully rebutting a presumption of drug trafficking.
Mr. Bazain said he wanted the

supreme court to decide whether possession of drugs for self consumption was a defence under trafficking law.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Mahathir Mohamad said on Tuesday his country would treat drug traffickers as murderers.
"Our laws are harsh but we

make no apology. Our youths are being destroyed by this scourge. We consider those who distribute drugs as their destroyers, their murderers. And it is as murderers that they will be treated," he told an annual Commonwealth parliamentary conference.

In Wellington, New Zealand Prime Minister David Lange said be would consider making repre-sentations on behalf of the pair hut only after all legal processes had been completed.

"The government has no sympathy for drug trafficking and it is determined to support vigorous efforts to stamp it out," Mr.

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### Villa of Saudi monarch's brother robbed

CANNES, France (R) - Burglars have taken more than \$420,000 from a villa helonging to a brother of Saudi monarch King Fahd in the south of France, police in this resort town said. Police said thieves had broken into the luxury villa, belonging to Prince Al Saud Nanaf Ibn Abdul Aziz, and taken the money from a safe. An unspecified amount of jewellery was also stolen, they added. They said the burglars appeared to be aware that King Fahd had ordered several members of the Saudi royal family to return home earlier this month.

### Gorbachev is tops with Soyiet women

WASHINGTON (R) — A leader of a major Soviet women's organisation, resisting the chance to call for a woman in the Kremlin's to joh, has said that Soviet women like Mikhail Gorbachev just the way he is. "We like the general secretary as he is — let him work as long as he can," Alevtina Fedulova, deputy chairperson of the Soviet Women's Committee, replied when asked whether Soviet women would like to see one of their own as Soviet leader. Ms. Fedulova, speaking at a forum organised hy the U.S. League of Women Voters, described Mr. Gorbachev as "very sensitive to women's issues." But she acknowledged that while women were well represented in local governments and city councils, and occupied a third of the 1,500 seats in the Supreme Soviet, or parliament, none of them were among the 12 members of the ruling polithuro. Ms. Fedulova, who said her organisation represents 150,000 local women's groups across the Soviet Umon, would not say when a first woman polithuro member was likely. But she predicted, "We are going to have more women at the level of making decisions," Ms. Fedulova is a member of a delegation of Soviet officials visiting the United States.

### Detectives fight 'condom culture'

BRISBANE, Australia (R) — Student leaders said police raided two universities on Tuesday and seized condom vending machines, illegal in Queensland where the conservative government has pledged to fight "condom culture." Plain clothes detectives, acting on orders from the Queensland government, used crowbars to prise machines from walls at Griffith and Queensland universities. "We had police out here before dawn, hreaking glass and windows to get at our condom machines,"
Students' Association Treasurer Scott Barclay told reporters. Condoms are available in pharmacies and supermarkets in Queensland but vending machines are outlawed because condoms are classified under poison and drug laws. Queensland, nicknamed the "deep north' by the rest of Australia for the social attitudes of its government, is the only one of Australia's six states where condom machines are illegal. Right-wing Premier Sir Jon Bjelke-Petersen, 76, has vowed to crack down on condoms despite opposition from his health minister who endorses them as a measure against AIDS.

### Chemical compound may help tread AIDS

NEW ORLEANS (R) — A chemical compound that boosts the effectiveness of numerons vaccines shows potential for treating AIDS and multiple sclerosis, according to a report presented at the 194th National Meeting of the American Chemical Society. Dr. Hilton Levy, head of the Molecular Virology Section at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases in Frederick. Maryland, said some essentially ineffective vaccines can work if PolysICI C is added to the vaccine solution. The chemical society Poly-ICLC is added to the vaccine solution. The chemical society has drawn more than 10,000 delegates from the United States and a number of foreign countries for the meeting. Previous studies have shown that Poly-ICLC stimulate the immune systems in mice, and comparable studies have shown the same in monkeys and humans, Levy said. "Poly-ICLC could be essential to boost the human's immune system when it is functioning at an inadequate level, such as with AIDS, multiple sclerosis and plastic anaema patients."

### Belgium bans smoking in public buildings

BRUSSELS (R) - Belgian smokers who light up in public effect on Tuesday. Under the legislation, anyone caught smoking in schools, hospitals, railway waiting rooms and cultural and sports centres owned by public bodies will be liable to a maximum fine of 18,000 francs (\$480). In addition, restaurants are to be forced to reserve an area for non-smokers. A public opinion poll showed a majority of Belgians welcomed the law. According to the poll, carried out hy the Belgian Consumer Unions Research Centre, even seven out of eight adults who smoke approved the ban. The Belgian anti-cancer association issued a statement welcoming the law but said the price of cigarettes should be raised to reflect the damage they do to society. It said this would mean more than trebling the cost of a packet of 25 to 250 francs (\$6.6). The percentage of Belgian adults who smoke has fallen to 32 per cent from 40 per cent in 1982, consumer unions say.

### Phone dials numbers at sound of voice

COPENHAGEN (R) - A Danish firm said on Tuesday it had produced the world's first car telephone to dial numbers automatically at the sound of the human voice. "You just say the name of the person you want to call and the telephone finds the number itself and rings up. The conversation takes place without needing to touch the telephone," the Dancall Radio Company said in a statement. The new device can remember up to 60 names and numbers and the firm said it already had ordered worth 25 millinn crowns (\$3.6 million) from Britain, where it is illegal to pick up a car telephone while driving.

### Sex prescribed to prevent sudden death

TOKYO (R) - Dr. Kiyoyasu Arikawa says he has the perfect prescription to prevent early death in Japanese workaholic executives - less work and more sex and laughter. Dr. Arikawa, a physician, traverses Japan spreading his laid-back gospel for stemming an alarming trend toward sudden death among stresswracked Japanese executives. The strong yen, which has hurt Japanese exports, and the stress generated by it have heen hlamed for the deaths of 12 directors of leading companies, aged between 49 and 69. A spokesman for the Japan Federation of Employers Association (Nikkeiren) said the rising mortality rate among executives was disturbing. To help cope, Nikkeiren recently invited Dr. Arikawa to describe his eight-point blueprint for longevity. Dr. Arikawa told Reuters that hard-working executives don't get enough sex. "Going without it exacerbates the stress level," Dr. Arikawa said. "This is a mistake. Sex is very effective as a stress reliever," he said. He also recommends marriage as a good recipe for continued good health. "Japanese men spend too much time on the road staying in hatels. They should go home more often." A few good laughs a day are also in order, Dr. Arikawa said. "Japanese don't know how to laugh from the heart any more," he said. "Laughter is a great antidote to stress," he

### Grandma to become U.K.'s oldest mother

NOTTINGHAM, England (R) — A 55-year-old grandmother is set to become Britain's oldest mother. Kathleen Campbell, who already has six children aged 16 to 22, is due to have her seventh baby by Caesarian section in about a week's time at Nottingham City Hospital, central England. Doctors advised her not to go ahead with the latest pregnancy but Irish-born Campbell said: "I am a Catholic and decided to take my chances because I love children so much." She was 55 and 132 days old Monday so she will pip the record of a Manchester woman who gave birth at 55 years and three days in 1963. Her husbound Sydney. 65, is a Jamaican-born retired welder. The Guinness Book of World Record lists the world's oldest mother as American Ruth Alice Kistler, who gave birth to a daughter in 1956 at the age of 57 years

#### The bidding: South West North East 4 ♥ Pass **Db**le 4 🏚 5 ♡ Pass Pass Opening lead: Two of ♡

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South's choice of four hearts in first seat is rather strange—you usually don't preempt with a fourcard holding in the unbid major. Indeed, some players won't preempt with a good three-card fragment in a major. Had North felt that his

partner could hold reasonable

**U.S. military AIDS testing** finds 4,801 carrying virus

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon has identified 3,035 plicants with the AIDS virus are plicants with the AIDS virus are military personnel and 1,766 rerefused entry into the military. cruit applicants as carriers of the deadly AIDS virus ont of more Carriers of the AIDS virus have been exposed to the disease hut have not necessarily dethan 3 million tested, new statis-

veloped its symptoms. Of the 3.05 million tested. 4,801 "positives" have been disc-

overed for an overall rate of almost 1.6 cases per I,000. As has been the case with

March, were nhtained Monday by the Associated Press. The U.S. military is conducting the largest testing programme of its type in the world. Under Pentagon regulations, personnel with the virus are

The statistics, which update

totals that were last compiled in

### previous testing results, the rate for recruit applicants — generallay younger men and women -

cases per I,000.

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This hand, from a training match for the Danish team, was reported by Ib Lundby, editor of the Danish bridge magazine. Can you see how South goes down in his contract, even looking at all four hands?

GIVE A TRICK, GET BACK MORE East-West vulnerable. South spades, he would have let the opponents struggle in their game. A trump lead by West gets his side off to a fine start. Since declarer cannot ruff three spades in dummy and sluff one on an established diamond, he must go after the diamond suit immediately. So he wins the trump in hand and runs the nine of diamonds. East must OAQ63 duck! Now declarer has no way to

avoid losing two spade tricks and a To appreciate the beauty of the defense, let's see what would happen if East wins the queen of diamonds instead of ducking. He can't return a spade without giving declarer a trick in the suit, so let's suppose he cashes the king of clubs and then reverts to a trump. Declarer wins in dummy and takes a ruffing finesse for the ace of dismonds. No matter when East plays the ace, declarer ruffs high and the

table's seven of trumps is the entry to the good diamonds.

Observe that the contract would be makable were West to lead a spade initially. Declarer ruffs in dummy and leads a low diamond. East must play low and allow declarer to win a diamond trick with the nine. But now declarer can ruff two spades on the board, using diamond ruffs as entries, to hold his losses to one spade and one club

PENANG, Malaysia (R) - A Malaysian court on Tuesday sentenced a New Zealand mother to hang for heroin trafficking and her son to life in jail for drug

for his own use. Karpal Singh later told Reuters

addiction.

charged with trafficking in 140.8 grammes and 34.6 grammes (4.97 and I.22 onnces) of heroin respectively. The pair were arrested at Penang airport in February 1985 Both the accused have said

and had the heroin for their own consumption.

"That's what I expected," Cohen said after sentencing,

ing small people like us but lets the hig timers go."